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PREFACE.

THE great object of Sabbath school instruction, is so to present the truth to the minds of those taught, that they shall *feel* its application *to themselves*.

These Questions attempt to *aid* the Teacher in accomplishing this *object*. The *design* of the writer was not only to communicate knowledge, but to do it in such a *manner* as to excite the child to THINK. But besides this, there was the purpose of making SELF the subject of reflection. To accomplish this, *personal* questions have been asked. Other questions have been so framed, as to introduce topics for conversation. In all cases, reference has been had to the subject under consideration. Some effort has been made to awaken and direct the mind of the teacher, as well as to enlighten and profit the scholar; for all must have observed, that the teacher imparts his own mental state to the child he teaches.

Every lesson has some important principle involved. This is usually indicated near its close, and no pains should be spared in endeavoring to impress it on the child's mind. In order to profit in the highest degree, the class must experience some *pleasure* in the examination of the lesson. To give this pleasure, the teacher must be familiar with the lesson. With these questions, the lesson will require some *study*, but demand more *reflection*. We have endeavored, in framing these questions, to lead the mind of the teacher forward in such a path, that objects might constantly present themselves to his eye, which would afford pleasing and forcible illustrations of the truth taught. One Sabbath should NEVER CLOSE, before the *lesson* and *questions* for the next have been CAREFULLY READ. Your mind is then in a good state, and during the week you can gather illustrations from observation and experience. If you, whose minds are matured, demand them, in the instruction you receive from the pulpit, how much more does the volatile mind of the

child require fulness and aptness of illustration? The portion of Scripture selected is peculiarly spiritual, and these questions are directed to the heart; can you use them without much prayer?

The Gospel of John was selected, because it was supposed to have received less attention than the others, and on account of its peculiar character. It presents the *teachings* of Jesus concerning himself. It contains the strongest evidence, that "he spake as never man spake." It is an inimitable portraiture of the character of him who "was with God in the beginning," but "was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John presents us with what Jesus *is*, more than what he *does*. No one can properly prepare himself to teach the truths here presented, without being profited himself; and he may be cheered with the assurance, that the word shall accomplish good to those taught.

Should it be found, that this volume answers the expectations of the friends of Sabbath Schools, another may be expected in due time, on the remaining portion of this Gospel and John's Epistles; and, should the series be continued, perhaps the Psalms and Proverbs will be taken up at some future time.

BOSTON, *March* 20, 1838.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

The Second Edition of the New England Sabbath School Question Book, has been called for much earlier than was anticipated. It has, however, undergone an entire revision. Some addition has been made to every lesson. And at the close of every third lesson, Questions for Review have been introduced. It is hoped, that every school will spend the fourth Sabbath in reviewing the three previous lessons. The questions for review are more general, and sometimes present a fuller view of the subject than the others. If the *Teacher* take a *proper* interest, the *Scholar* will never be uninterested in the review. The text has been introduced in connexion with each lesson, so that if the scholar has been careful to look at all the references, and fix them in his mind, he will need only the question book before him in the recitation of the class. As this edition is stereotyped, no change will be made in the arrangement in future. The writer has endeavored to profit by the suggestions which have been made, by the friends of Sabbath Schools, in the periodicals which have kindly noticed the work. Much time and severe application have been devoted to the preparation of this little book of simple questions. The work was undertaken with a deep conviction of the difficulty of performing it well; the offering has been made to the friends of Sabbath Schools, attended with fervent prayer that it may be accepted by him for whose sake it was undertaken, and, attended by his blessing, accomplish something for the advancement of the cause of truth and piety in this interesting department of Christian labor.

CAMBRIDGE, *June* 28, 1838.

QUESTIONS

ON THE

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

LESSON I.

The Preëxistence and Divine Nature of Christ.

Ch. i. 1—13.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Do you understand what GOSPEL means?
Who wrote this account of the miracles and teaching of Jesus?
Of what nation was he?
What do you know about this man? — Matt. 4 : 21. Mark 1 : 19, 20.
In what part of the Bible have you before seen the word *beginning*? — Gen. 1 : 1.
1 WHAT was in the beginning?
Do you think that WORD, here, is the name of any being? — v. 14.

To whom does it apply?
With whom was the Word?
And who was this Word?

2 WHAT is said in this verse?
Did the Word exist before the world was made?
In what condition and where did he exist?—Ch. 17:5.

3 WHO made all things?—Col. 1:16. Rom. 11:36.
Do you think that the phrase *all things*, means any more than the things in this world?
What can *men* make?
Can one man create any thing?
Can *many* men create any thing?
Will you repeat some passages which speak of the CREATOR of the world?—Ps. 96:5. Jer. 10:11—16. Heb. 3:4.

4 WHAT was in him?
Does this mean *more* than to say he was alive?—Chap. 11:43, 44.
Can you repeat some passages to prove, that something beside his power to give life to dead bodies is meant?—Heb. 5:9. Col. 3:34.
Was he a teacher of important truth, as well as the AUTHOR of life?—Col. 2:3.
Were the people to whom Christ came ignorant?—Matt. 4:16.
What did he bring to light?—2 Tim. 1:10.

5 WHERE did the light shine?
What kind of darkness is here meant?
Does the Bible ever represent the heart as dark?—Repeat 2 Cor. 4:6.
Was it by his instructions that Christ became a LIGHT?
Did their ignorance and sin incline them to receive the Savior's instructions?
Do *you like* to see the truth so clearly as to FEEL that you are very guilty before God?

6 WHAT man was sent from God?
What John was this?—Matt. 3:1.

What do you recollect about this man's preaching ?

7 For what purpose did he come ?

How did John bear witness of the Savior ?

For what purpose did he preach about the Savior's coming into the world ?

8 What did John say of himself ?

Who did he mean by the phrase *that light* ?

9 If the *Savior* was the true teacher, and the gospel the instruction here meant, have *all men* been enlightened by it ?

What is said of the future extent of his kingdom ? — Dan. 2 : 44.

Will all nations, then, know the Lord ?—Is. 11 : 9.

10 Where was he ?

Did men of that time receive him ?

What is it said he made ?

11 What people are called his own ?

For what reason ?

Did they readily receive him ?

12 What did he give to those who did receive him ?

Is this a great privilege ? — 1 Jn. 3 : 2.

Do you suppose the privileges of God's children belong to *you* ?

13 Whose children did the Jews call themselves ? — Chap. 8 : 39.

Did the Jews think that God would save them, merely because they were descended from Abraham ?

Well, do you think he will save all Jews on *that account* ?

Will he save you on account of the piety of your parents ?

Of whose will were those born, who are really the sons of God ?

What influence does the hope that one is a child of God have on his life ? — 1 Jn. 3 : 3.

Have you such a hope as leads you to avoid sin ?

LESSON II.

About Christ; and what John said of himself, to the Messengers of the Priests.

Ch. i. 14—28.

14 ¶ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.
24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not:
27 He it is, who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
28 These things were done in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

To whom did we conclude the term *Word* was applied, in the last lesson?

Where did you tell me he was, before the world was made?

What things is it said he made?

14 Why is it said the Word was made flesh?—Heb. 2: 14.

Tell, in your own language, what you think this means.

Among whom did the Word dwell, as a man?

What did those persons behold?

What does this mean, do you think?—Luke 7: 14. Matt. 8: 26.

What things did he do, which showed him to be very kind and benevolent?

15 WHAT did John declare ?
Do you know that John ever healed the sick, or raised the dead, or cast out any devils ?
Can you think of some things in which Christ was *superior* to John ?
Is this what he meant by being *preferred before him* ?
Where was Christ before John was born ?—v. 1.
16 OF what was Jesus full ?
Of what do all his followers receive ?
Did all classes of persons receive favors from him ?
Has the Savior promised many blessings to those who love him ? — Rev. 7 : 16, 17.
Do you receive blessings from God because you *deserve* them ?
Yet, do you not receive favor upon favor continually ?
17 BY whom was the law given ?
Do you recollect any of the circumstances attending the receiving of the law, or the ten commandments, from God ?
Was it a *favor* for men to be informed of the will of God by the law ?
Then was it not a much *greater* favor to know, that Jesus Christ should come from heaven to die for the guilty ?
Have you kept all the precepts of the law ?
What is said of those who fail to keep it perfectly ? — Jas. 2 : 10.
Now can you tell what this verse means ?
18 DID any man ever see God ?
Can you not tell much more about children that you have seen, than about such as you never saw ?
You have told me, that Jesus Christ was with God ; did this prepare him to speak about

God, and to teach us his will better than any *man* could ?

What do you think is meant by his being *in the bosom of the Father* ?

Ought you not, then, carefully to regard his declarations about God and heaven ?

19 WHOM did the Jews send to question John the Baptist ?

What did they ask him ?

20 WHO did he confess he was *not* ?

Did many people go out to hear John preach ? — Matt. 3 : 5.

21 WHAT did they then ask him ?

Whom did they mean by Elias ? — Mal. 4 : 5.

Do you know whether the Jews expected some prophet would appear before Christ came ?

22 WHAT inquiry did they then make ?

Can you tell what was the name of the *council* which sent these priests to John ?

Will you give some account of this council ? — (See Malcom's *B. D.*, article Sanhedrim.)

23 WHAT was John's reply ?

What does this mean ? — Isa. 40 : 3.

What did he call on the people to do ?

What in *your* hearts renders you unprepared for the blessings of pardon and peace ?

24 OF what sect of the Jews were those who came to John ?

What do you know of these men ? — Matt. 23 : 27, 28.

Do you think *such* men were prepared to receive the preaching of John ?

Can you repeat a passage where John speaks very plainly to them of their wickedness, when they came to hear him preach ? — Matt. 3 : 7.

25 WHAT question did they then ask him ?

Why do you suppose they were so anxious to know who John was?

26 WHAT was John's answer to their question?

Will you give some account of John's baptizing? — Matt. 3 : 6, 13, 16.

To whom did he refer, when he said one stood among them that they did not know?

27 WILL you look at v. 15? Do you not think this verse very much like that?

What do you suppose John *thought* of Christ, by his saying he was unworthy to untie his shoe?

28 WHERE did these things occur?

Which way was the river Jordan from Jerusalem?

Was Bethabara, then, on the east or west bank of the Jordan?

In what *river* did John baptize?

What would prepare you to be baptized? — Matt. 3 : 6. Acts 2 : 41.

LESSON III.

Christ makes his Appearance among the People to whom John was preaching.

CH. i. 29 — 51.

29 The next day, John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 ¶ Again, the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What

seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, The Christ.
42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is, by interpretation, A stone.
43 ¶ The day following, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee.
49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.
51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

29 WHOM did John see the next day?
What did he say when he saw him approach?
How does a lamb differ from a tiger in his disposition?
Which was Jesus like?
What did John say Christ did in regard to the sin of the world?
Did the Jews offer sacrifices for sin?—Lev. 4: 4.
Can you repeat any passage which represents the death of Christ as a sacrifice for sin?—1 Pet. 2 : 24.
Is not this another reason why Jesus is called the Lamb of God?
30 WHO did John say this was?—v. 15.
Why was Jesus preferred before John?
31 THOUGH John had been acquainted with Jesus, did he before *understand* that he was the Messiah?
For what did John come baptizing, before he knew this?
When he was sent of God to baptize, was it in

the name of a Messiah to come, that he baptized ?

Then did this prepare those who heard him, to expect and receive him when he came ?

32 What did John say he saw ?

What had God promised John ? — v. 33.

At what place and on what occasion did he see this ? — Matt. 3 : 16.

33 As Jesus had the form of a man, how was John told he should know that he was the Son of God ?

With what was it said Jesus should baptize ?

What took place when this was fulfilled ? — Acts 2 : 1 — 4.

34 Who did John tell the people this was ?

Did this declaration convince John, that Jesus was the Son of God ?

Do you often speak of Jesus ?

35, 6 When John saw him again, what did he say?

37 Then what did two of John's disciples do ?

38 When Jesus saw them *following* what inquiry did he make ?

What was their reply ?

Was Rabbi a term of respect? what does it mean?

39 Did they go with the Savior ?

Do you think, if you could go with him and hear his instructions, you would obey them ?

Do you in these lessons receive *his* instructions?

Does he know whether you obey them ?

What time in the afternoon was the tenth hour?

40 What was the name of one of these men ?

Whose brother was he ?

41 What did Andrew do ?

What did he tell his brother ?

Do you know the precise meaning of the terms *Messiah* and *Christ* ?—Malcom's *Bible Dict.*

42 For what purpose do you think Andrew brought his brother Simon to Christ ?

Should not all children persuade others to go where they may learn something good ?

Well, you are learning here what the Savior taught. Can you persuade some one else to come, as Andrew did his brother ?

What did Jesus say Simon should be called ?

Are the Greek names Cephas and Peter the same ? — Luke 6 : 14.

43 WHERE did Jesus go the next day ?

Which way is the country of Galilee from the city of Jerusalem ? — See *map*.

Who did he tell to follow him ?

44 FROM what city were these three men who followed Jesus ?

Where is Bethsaida ?

45 WHO did Philip find to go with them ?

Whom did he tell Philip he had found ?

Did the Savior ever say any thing was written concerning him in the Old Testament ? — Chap. 5 : 39.

Where was the city of Nazareth ?

46 WHAT did Nathanael say to Philip ?

What do you think was the general character of the people of Nazareth ?

Ought you to judge of a child's character before you know him ?

47 WHEN Jesus saw Nathanael what did he say ?

Do you think he meant he was a very good man ?

If the Savior should speak of *you*, could he truly say, see, here is a child, in whom there is no disposition to deceive his father or mother about any thing ?

48 WHAT did Nathanael ask Jesus ?

What was his answer ?

49 THEN what did Nathanael say ?

Does *King of Israel* mean the same as Messiah ?

50 WHAT did Jesus then say to Nathanael?
51 WHAT did he promise the people that they should see?
What does the word *verily* mean.
Do you recollect what took place at the baptism of Jesus? — Matt. 3 : 16.
When he opened blind eyes, or raised the dead, did they not have stronger evidence than Nathanael had, that he was the Son of God?
He calls himself the Son of man; was he hungry, and thirsty, and did he sleep like other men? —Matt. 25 : 35, 36.
But did not his instructions and miracles prove him to be the Son of God, as those proved him to be a man?
Now this account which John has written is principally made up of the instructions of Jesus; ought you not to attend very carefully to them?
He was with God in heaven, but became a man on earth, to die, that you might be saved; will you think of this *much* before the next Sabbath?

REVIEW.

In the first lesson John several times uses the term *Word*; to whom is it applied?
Where is he now?—Rom. 8 : 34. and Matt. 28:20.
What do these passages, taken in connexion, prove Jesus to be?
Where is it said, he made all things?
Where, that he is to be our Judge?
What was the object of John's preaching?
Were many of the chief men among the Jews ready to receive Jesus?

Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan. Can you repeat some passages in which he commanded his disciples to baptize?

Would you prefer to be under the law, or under the Gospel?

Will you give the reasons?

Does your heart cling to the Savior as your dearest friend?

LESSON IV.

Jesus at the Wedding in Cana, and in Jerusalem at the Passover.

Ch. ii. 1—25.

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
6 And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.
9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.
12 ¶ After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.
13 ¶ And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:
15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;
16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.
17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.
18 ¶ Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?
19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.
23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast-*day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.
24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*,
25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Do you recollect the question with which the last lesson closed?

My dear children, have you often asked yourselves, during the week, what you could do to please and honor him who died for you?

In the last lesson, who had been conversing with Jesus?

1 WHAT was there at Cana, three days after this?

Where was Cana?

Who was there?

2 WHAT other persons were invited to this marriage?

Had he many disciples at this time?—Chap. 1: 40.

3 WHEN they wanted wine, who told Jesus they had none?

Was wine a common drink in that country?

Was it like the wine which we have?

4 WHAT did he say to her?

Does it seem to you that this was respectful, and kind language?—Ch. 19: 26. and 20: 15.

Do you not perceive, from these passages, that the language could not indicate unkind feelings?

Would it be proper for you to address your mother in such a manner now, when *custom* has given a different meaning to the expression?

Did he not know better than his mother, just at what moment to perform his first miracle?

5 THEN what did his mother say to the servants?

Should you not think this *proved* that she did not consider the language of Jesus unkind?

6 WHAT is it said were set there ?
Were Jews accustomed to wash their hands and feet frequently ? — Mark 7 : 3, 4.
Now do you know what is meant by *after the manner of the purifying of the Jews* ?
If one of these vessels contained four gallons, can you tell how many gallons all of them would contain ?
7 THEN what did Jesus tell the servants to do?
8 AFTER they had filled them, what did he say to them ?
9 WHEN they presented this wine to the master of the feast, what did he do ?
10 WHAT did he say to the bridegroom ?
Who is meant by the bridegroom ?
Did he know how this wine was made ?
From what did the Jews make wine ?
11 WHAT is it said Jesus manifested by this his first miracle ?
What do you understand by a *miracle* ?
Could any *man* do such a thing as this of himself ?
What effect had this miracle on his disciples ?
12 WHERE did he go after this ?
Where is Capernaum ?
Who went with him ?
Did they remain there long ?
13 WHAT feast of the Jews was near ?
When was this feast instituted ? Ex. 12 : 12, 13.
Now can you tell why this is called *Passover* ?
Where did Jesus go ?
How many days did this feast continue ?
14 WHOM did he find in the temple ?
For what purpose did they sell these things and exchange money ? — (See Ripley's *Notes*, on Matt. 21 : 12, 13.)
15 WHAT did Jesus do ?
When he had driven the sheep and oxen out,

and those that sold them, what did he do with the money ?

Jesus was the Son of God; was it not right, then, that he should thus rebuke these wicked men ?

Do you think the trade they carried on there was proper ?

16 WHAT did he tell the people to do ?

What did he tell them *not* to do ?

17 WHAT did this bring to the mind of his disciples ?

In what place is this written ? — Ps. 69 : 9.

How do you feel, when you hear any one speak against your father, or mother, or some dear friend ?

18 WHAT did the Jews say to him after he had done these things ?

If any person should tell you he was the Son of God, would you believe it, without some proof of it ?

19 WHAT did Jesus then tell them ?

What did he mean by the phrase *this temple* ? — v. 21.

Can you repeat any passage to show that the word *temple* is ever used in this sense ? — 1 Cor. 3 : 16, 17.

Can any *man* make his own dead body live again, do you think ?

Well, they did destroy or kill his body; did he do as he said he would, and make it alive again ? — Matt. 28 : 5, 6.

Will your body ever be made alive again, when it is dead ? — John 5 : 28.

20 WHAT did the Jews then say ?

Do you think they *desired* to understand the Savior ?

22 DID the disciples recollect this conversation, after Jesus rose from the dead ?

How did it affect them ?

Ought we not to try and *remember* as much of the teachings of Jesus as we can ?

23 WHERE was Jesus during the feast of the passover ?

What did many do when they saw his miracles ?

What does *believing in his name* mean ? — Chap. 1 : 12.

Do you believe in his name so as to be saved ?

24, 5 WHY did Jesus not trust himself in their power ?

Do you think he knew how they *felt*, and what they designed to do, if they could take him ?

25 DOES he know what are the feelings of all men ? — 1 Kings 8 : 39.

Can judges know whether men are guilty of the crimes of which they are accused, without any testimony ?

If the Savior knows all these things about us and all men, will it not be a very fearful thing to appear before him in judgment ?

Are you *prepared* for that solemn day ?

LESSON V.

A Conversation of Jesus with Nicodemus about a New Heart.

CH. iii. 1—16.

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?
13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.
14 ¶And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;
15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

WHERE did we leave our Lord, in the last lesson?

Do you recollect what was the last thing we learned in that lesson?

Now we are going to consider some conversation, which Jesus had with one of the Jewish rulers, about the state of the heart; should you think Jesus could tell exactly what the heart needed? — Ch. 2: 25.

1. WHAT was this ruler's name?

Of what sect of the Jews was this man?

2 AT what time did he come to Jesus?

Why do you suppose he made his visit by night?

How did he address Jesus?

Should you think he had great respect for him, from the manner in which he addressed him?

What did Nicodemus say he knew?

What reason did he give for this conviction?

3 VERILY means certainly: here it is repeated, and signifies *most certainly*. Is not this a most solemn and important declaration?

Does it concern *you* as truly as it did Nicodemus?

What could he not see or enjoy, if he was not changed in heart, or born again?

4 WHAT did Nicodemus say?

Did he understand what the Savior meant?

5 Or what did Jesus then say a man must be born?
By this, must not Nicodemus clearly see he did not refer to any earthly condition?
Did John teach that *repentance* was necessary, in order to be baptized? — See Matt. 3: 8.
Can you tell what repentance is?
By being baptized, a person makes public declaration that he has repented, and loves Jesus; what does he say of such as would *not* confess him before men? — Matt. 10: 33.
Did Jesus require that his disciples should be *baptized*? — Matt. 28: 19.
Who is it that changes men's hearts from the love of sin to the love of holiness and God? — 1 y. 6, and chap. 1: 13.
Well, do you think you have been *born of the Spirit*?
Have you not some dear friends from whom you will be separated for ever, if you are not a Christian?
6 Will you tell, in your own language, what the first part of this verse means?
Have not all children such hearts, that they do not love a God of justice and holiness?
In Gal. 5: 19, 20, 21, what are said to be the fruits of a fleshly or wicked heart?
And in vs. 22, 23, what are said to be the fruits of the Spirit?
Which do you think the best, the fruits of the *flesh*, or of the *Spirit*?
Which does your heart produce?
Then are you prepared for heaven?
7 What did Jesus tell Nicodemus not to wonder at?
Does the surprise of Nicodemus show that he was deceived, in regard to the state of his own heart?

If men's hearts naturally produce such fruits, do you wonder, that the heart must be changed, before they can be truly happy?

8 WHAT does Jesus say of the wind?

What effects of the wind have you seen on trees, on the water, or the snow, or the dust?

But did you ever see the *wind* itself?

Do you know where it comes from, and where it goes?

And may we, in like manner, feel the influence of the Spirit on our own hearts, and witness its effects on others?

What does Jesus tell Nicodemus is like this?

Do you recollect what kind of a man Saul of Tarsus was? — Acts 8 : 1—3. 9 : 1, 2.

Now read Acts 9 : 20, 21, 22. Do you not think there was a great difference in his conduct on these different occasions?

At this time is it not evident, by Paul's *conduct*, that there was a change in his *mind*?

9 WHAT did Nicodemus then say?

Do you understand *how* the grass grows? Does anybody?

But you believe that it does grow, do you not?

Then may not you, and all persons, properly *believe* some things which you cannot comprehend?

Do you not suppose, Nicodemus had thought, before this, that he should be saved *because he was a Jew*?

10 WHAT did Jesus then say?

Do men who have no Bible, know that their hearts must be changed?

11 What did he tell Nicodemus about these things?

How did Jesus Christ *know* that it was *necessary*, that men should be born again, to be happy in heaven? — Chap. 2 : 24.

If a child has *disobeyed* his father, and feels

guilty, will it make him happy to go and stay in the room with him ?

Then do you think, if wicked men could go to heaven, and be WITH GOD, they would be *happy*, if their hearts were not changed ?

Do they readily receive the declaration, that men must be born again ?

Do you really *feel* that this is true ?

12 WHAT did Jesus then say ?

Does it not seem very plain to you, that this is necessary ?

If Nicodemus could not understand these plain truths, could he expect to understand all that the Lord Jesus would tell him about the heavenly world, from which he came ?

13 HAD Nicodemus acknowledged that Jesus was a teacher sent from God ?

Then should he not hear his heavenly teaching with full confidence ?

Who did he say was the only person that had ascended into heaven ?

Could any *other*, then, speak of the things in heaven with such *certainty*, as he could ?

What do you know about heaven, except what the Bible says ?

14 ON what occasion was it, that Moses set up the figure of a serpent ? — Numb. 21 : 9.

To what did Jesus refer, when he said he must *be lifted up* ?

15 FOR what *purpose* did he say this must be done ?

What is meant by *perishing*, in this place ? — Mark 16 : 16.

Are all in danger of losing their souls by sin, as the Israelites were in danger of losing their lives by the serpents ?

How will any escape ?

What shall *they* have, who believe on him ?

How long will your *present* life last ?

16 What is said of God's love to the world?
Will this love prevent his punishing those who are guilty? — Ex. 34 : 7.
Do you think of any instance of such love among men?
Was it for those who had obeyed and loved God, that he gave his Son, or for the disobedient and guilty? — Rom. 5: 8, 10.
How do *men* usually treat those who injure them?
If your Maker has been so merciful to you, how should you treat those who injure you?
If you continue to neglect and disobey that Savior who has died for you, what will he say to you at the day of judgment? — Matt. 7 : 23.

LESSON VI.

Condemnation of Unbelief. Testimony of John concerning Christ.

Ch. iii. 17 — 36.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
18 ¶He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God.
22 ¶ After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
23 ¶ And John also was baptizing in Ænon, near to Salim, because there was much water there; and they came, and were baptized:
24 For John was not yet cast into prison.
25 ¶ Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews, about purifying.
26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou bearest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.
27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.
28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.
29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the

bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.
30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
31 He that cometh from above, is above all: he that is of the earth, is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven, is above all.
32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.
33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.
34 For he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him.*
35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.
36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

WHAT did you tell me, in the last lesson, Jesus said to Nicodemus?

Well, is there as much need of your being changed in heart as there was of Nicodemus?

Have you thought much about God's great love to the world?

Have you considered, too, how you would feel, to be driven away from God and all your good friends for ever?

17 FOR what purpose did God *not send his Son into the world?*

Would it not have been just, if he had sent him to destroy all men, as they were destroyed by the flood?

But for what did he send his Son?

From what will those who believe be saved?

Do you think any who hear of Christ, and do not *believe* on him will be saved?—Mark 16:16.

18 WHO are not condemned?

Who are already, or now, under sentence of condemnation?

Can any escape the execution of this sentence?

Why are they now condemned?

Do any but such as obey and love the Savior *really believe* on him?

19 WHAT is the occasion of their condemnation?

Do the privileges which men enjoy increase the guilt of disobedience?—Matt. 11: 21.

Which is most guilty, the child who does what he knows is wrong, or one who does the same thing, not *knowing* it to be *wrong?*

If your father was to go away, and should leave directions for what he wished you to do while he was absent, would it be right for you to neglect to look at those directions ?

Would not some self-willed children do so ?

Why do men prefer *ignorance* on the subject of religion ?

Did the preaching of Jesus Christ search the hearts of the proud Pharisees and wicked men with the light of truth ? — Matt. 23 : 14.

20 WHAT do those who are guilty, hate ?

Is it not a mark of *guilt*, when a child wishes to conceal actions from his parents ?

When will God bring all concealed wickedness to light ?

21 WHAT do such as act rightly and properly, do ?

For what purpose ?

When you do right, how do you feel about others knowing it ?

Do you feel glad that GOD knows, and will remember all you do ?

Where was Jesus at this time ?

22 AFTER this where did Jesus go ?

What did he do there ?

23 WHERE was John baptizing ?

On which bank of the Jordan was Enon ? See *map*.

What was the reason why John baptized at *that* place ?

How, then, should you think he performed this ceremony ?

What was required of such as presented themselves for baptism ? — Matt. 3 : 6 — 8.

24 HAD John been imprisoned ?

Who was it that cast John into prison, soon after this ? — Matt. 14 : 3.

Had he done any thing more than to tell him the truth ?

25 About what did a question arise between some of John's disciples and the Jews?
Was purity of life required of those who were baptized?
May it not be, that *purifying* here, refers to the ceremony of baptism?
Of what is baptism an emblem?
26 Then John's disciples referred the subject to him.
What did they tell him about Jesus?
Did many persons come to Jesus, to be baptized?
At this time, did they think more of John than of Jesus?
27 What did John say to them?
Can you ever obtain knowledge, or riches, without God's blessing?
How ought these, and all things to be used, then, if God gives them to us?
How should you feel, when others have m[illegible] blessings or greater success than you?
28 Where did John tell them this?—Chap. 1: 20.
29 What does John say to illustrate his relation to Jesus?
Who should receive most attention at a *marriage*, the bridegroom's friends, or the bridegroom himself?
Then was it not proper, that the Savior of the world should receive more attention and honor than his friend?
How does the friend of the bridegroom feel, when he hears him rejoice, and sees that he is happy?
Did John feel glad, when he heard that Jesus baptized a great many persons?
Was this the feeling of his disciples?
30 Whose disciples did John say would increase?

Had the prevalence of the gospel been foretold by prophets?

31 From whence did Jesus come? — Chap. 6: 38.
What did John say of him?
Is Jesus Creator of all things. — Chap. 1: 3.
Well, then, does he know all things?
What places him above all as a Teacher?

32 Of what things did Jesus speak?
Did a large portion of the Jewish people believe on Jesus?

33 What have those who believe in Christ done?
If a man left his friends and became the disciple of Jesus, would it not show that he believed what he said and taught?
If you were going to a certain place, and a friend should tell you it would be very dangerous to do so; then if you did not go, would it show that you believed what he had said was true?
What does *set to his seal that God is true*, mean?
Did those who heard Philip preach at Samaria seal the truth of his declaration? — Acts 8: 12.
How did Stephen set his seal to the truth of the word of God?
Will a person come to the Savior for pardon until he believes the word of God is *true*?
By whom was Jesus sent?

34 Whose words did Jesus speak?
Did Jesus know much more of God and heavenly things, than the ancient prophets?

35 How did God *feel* toward his Son Jesus Christ?
What things are in his *power*?

36 What has he who believeth on him?
What is it to have everlasting life? — Rev. 7: 15 — 17.
What is said of such persons as do not believe on the Son?

In what condition will all who are not admitted to heaven be ? — Matt. 8: 12. 13: 42. 25: 46.

If Jesus suffered so much in the garden and on the cross, from God's displeasure against sin, will it not be awful to have his *wrath* abide on you for ever ?

Will you repeat this last verse every morning and evening, this week ?

REVIEW.

What important topic has been under consideration in the last three lessons ?

Would you prefer to have seen the miracle of Cana, or to have heard the conversation with Nicodemus ?

Would you have asked him about your own heart ?

Can you tell, whether Jesus was at Cana again ?

On what occasion afterward did Nicodemus manifest himself to Jesus ? — 7 : 51.

If he were an open friend, what would he have done at such a time ?

The subject about which he conversed was very important ; what improper language did he use ?

Jesus introduced the subject of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness ; what did he intimate in regard to himself in this connexion ?

For what did God send his Son into the world ?

Are all men liable to be lost at this time ?

How can any be delivered ?

Will such as do *not* believe be saved ? — Mark 16 : 16.

Will all men hear of a Savior ? — Isa. 11 : 9.

LESSON VII.

Conversation with the Woman at the Well.

Ch. iv. 1 — 15.

1 When therefore the Lord knew how
the Pharisees had heard that Jesus
made and baptized more disciples than
John,
2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not,
but his disciples,)
3 He left Judea, and departed again
into Galilee.
4 And he must needs go through Sa-
maria.
5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria,
which is called Sychar, near to the par-
cel of ground that Jacob gave to his son
Joseph.
6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus
therefore, being wearied with *his* jour-
ney, sat thus on the well: *and* it was
about the sixth hour.
7 There cometh a woman of Samaria
to draw water: Jesus saith unto her,
Give me to drink.
8 (For his disciples were gone away
unto the city to buy meat.)
9 Then saith the woman of Samaria
unto him, How is it that thou, being
a Jew, askest drink of me, which am
a woman of Samaria? for the Jews
have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10 Jesus answered and said unto her,
If thou knewest the gift of God, and
who it is that saith to thee, Give me to
drink; thou wouldest have asked of
him, and he would have given thee liv-
ing water.
11 The woman saith unto him, Sir,
thou hast nothing to draw with, and
the well is deep: from whence then
hast thou that living water?
12 Art thou greater than our father
Jacob, which gave us the well, and
drank thereof himself, and his children,
and his cattle?
13 Jesus answered and said unto her,
Whosoever drinketh of this water shall
thirst again:
14 But whosoever drinketh of the wa-
ter that I shall give him, shall never
thirst: but the water that I shall give
him shall be in him a well of water
springing up into everlasting life.
15 The woman saith unto him, Sir,
give me this water, that I thirst not,
neither come hither to draw.

In the last lesson, we learned that Jesus was the messenger of God.

What did he declare those who believed on him have?

What awfully solemn declaration did he make concerning such as do not believe on him?

1 What did the Lord know that the Pharisees had heard?

Had John, before this, baptized many persons? — Matt. 3 : 5, 6.

Do you think these Pharisees were pleased, that so many people received this new doc-

trine preached by Jesus, and came to him for baptism ?

Did Jesus think the Pharisees taught the truth? — Matt. 15 : 14.

2 Did Jesus himself baptize any persons ?

What is said in Chap. 3 : 22, 26 ?

Have you not heard people speak of a man's building a house, when they only meant that he directed it to be built by others ?

3 What did Jesus do ?

Where was he at this time ? — Chap. 2: 13.

What country was between Judea and Galilee ?

4 What country must he pass through to get into Galilee ?

5 To what city did he come ?

Near what mountain was this place ? See *map.*

What was this city called a great many years before ? — Gen. 33: 18.

What is it called in Acts 7: 16 ?

To whom was a parcel of ground, near this city, given ?

Where do you find an account of this ? — Gen. 48: 21, 22.

Will you relate the particulars ?

6 What was there in this place ?

What did he do to rest him ?

About what time of day was this ?

7 What other person came to the well ?

Of what country was she ?

What did Jesus ask of her ?

8 Where were the disciples ?

For what *purpose* ?

Do you think meat here means food of *any* kind?

9 What did the woman say to Jesus ?

Did the proud Pharisees consider it lawful for Jews to associate with any other people ? — Acts 10: 28.

Did she expect any attention from Jesus ?

10 THEN what did he say to the woman ?
Is not a knowledge of God and Jesus Christ as necessary to the eternal life of the soul, as water is for the life of the body ?
Under what figure did Jesus refer to heavenly blessings ?
What do you think Jesus meant, by *living water* ?
11 DID she understand what he meant ?
What did she say to him ?
By this, should you not think she expected he would draw water from this well ?
12 WHAT did she ask him ?
13 How did Jesus reply to her question ?
14 WHAT did he say of those who drank of the water (i. e., who received the instructions), which he would give ?
Are men who have *studied* a great while, and learned a great many things, pleased with the little picture books of children ?
Should you suppose those who receive the instructions of God's Word, and expect to go to heaven, would very much thirst for, or desire, the things of this world ?
Will not the child who loves God with all his heart, and always obeys him, have eternal life ? — Chap. 3: 16.
What does this verse mean ?
15 THEN what did the woman say to Jesus ?
Do you think she understood fully what Jesus meant by what he had said ?
Does sin blind the mind in regard to spiritual things ? — 2 Cor, 4: 4.
If those who receive the instructions of Jesus, and obey his precepts, are to be so favored, will you not carefully consider them ?
What effect has the instruction which you have already received, had on you ?

LESSON VIII.

Conversation with the Samaritan Woman continued.

Ch. iv. 16 — 34.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.
25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.
27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?
28 The woman then left her water-pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,
29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.
31 ¶ In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
33 Therefore said his disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?
34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

To what did Jesus compare his instructions in his conversation with the woman at the well?
Though she did not fully comprehend his meaning, what effect was produced on her mind?
16 What did Jesus direct the woman to do?
17 What did the woman say?
What was the reply of Jesus to her?
What did he mean by *Thou hast well said*?
Do you think it *well* to confess your faults?
18 Jesus sought to make upon her a deep impression of his knowledge of her heart; how did he do it?

How many husbands had this woman had?
Was it *right* for her to live with a man as her husband, who was not such?
Which of the commandments was she violating?—Exod. 20 : 14.
Do you not think she was surprised, to find Jesus knew all her conduct?
Does he know yours as well as he did hers?—Ps. 139 : 1, 2, 3.

19 What did the woman then say she perceived?
Why do you think she called him a *prophet*?
Do men, when they prophesy, or tell what will take place in future, know any thing which God does not communicate to them?

20 She endeavors to turn his mind to something else:—what did she say?
What mountain was this?
Where did the Jews say was the place to worship?
Did the Jews come up to Jerusalem every year?—Deut. 12 : 5, 6.
Is it probable that all the Jews, who came up to Jerusalem, *really* worshipped God in their hearts?

21 The woman had professed to believe Jesus was a prophet; ought she not, then, to have believed what he said?
What did he say to her?
Which is the most important in religious worship; the *place where*, or the *manner in which* we worship?
Has not the time now come, when people do not feel obliged to go to any particular city or town to worship God?

22 Did the Samaritans understand the true object of worship?
Did the Jews possess more knowledge of God than the Samaritans?

What did Jesus say was of the Jews ?
Of what nation was Mary, the mother of Jesus?
Then, as the Savior was of the Jewish kindred, and salvation is *only* through him, is it not of the Jews ?
Is Jesus called a Jew ? — Luke 2 : 3.

23 WHAT did Jesus say should come ? Was it near ?
Whom did he say the true worshippers now worshipped ?
In what manner ?
Are any prayers acceptable to God, beside the real desires of the soul ?
Do you not sometimes *repeat prayers*, when you do not really pray ?
Whom does God seek to worship him ? — Ch. 4 : 24.

24 WHAT is God ?
Can you name some of the points in which *spirit* differs from matter ?
Now you cannot see a spirit, and since God is a Spirit, do you not perceive that he can be *with you*, and yet not be seen ?
Do you love to have your *father* with you in the *night*, or when you think you are in *danger* ?
But are there not many dangers from which your *father* cannot deliver you ?
Can God, though unseen, deliver you from all danger, or prepare you to meet those from which he does not deliver you ?
Is it not a delightful thought, that this *almighty, unseen Spirit* watches over and protects all who love him ?
Is it not an awfully solemn thought, that he knows and will punish all who disregard his word ?
Does this unseen Spirit see your spirit ?

Now do you not see why all, whose worship he accepts, must offer it *with sincere hearts*?

What impression do you think this solemn truth made on the woman's mind?

25 WHAT did she say?

About what things do you think she supposed the Messiah would tell the people?

26 THEN what did Jesus say?

Should you not think she would believe this declaration of Jesus, since he had shown her that he knew all about her?

27 AT this time who came up?

How did they feel, when they saw he had been conversing with this Samaritan woman?

What is this feeling called?

Is it right to indulge a feeling of prejudice against any one?

Would the teachers among the Jews have done this?

The Pharisaical priests despised women: did they injure the poor and neglect those in trouble? — Matt. 23 : 14. Luke 10 : 31, 32.

Did Jesus neglect the poor and needy? — Matt. 15 : 30, 32.

Do you think this woman believed the declaration of Jesus?

28 WHAT did she do?

Into what city did she go?

29 WHAT did she say to the men?

What question did she ask?

Had Jesus told the woman that he was the Christ? — v. 26.

30 WHAT did the people of the city do?

31 AT this time, what did his disciples desire him to do?

As he had travelled a great distance, and was much fatigued, is it not probable he was *hungry*?

32 WHAT reply did Jesus make?
Is the term *meat* here used instead of the word *food*?
33 WHAT did the disciples say among themselves?
Did they understand what Jesus meant?
34 THEN what did he tell them was his food?
Do you not sometimes enjoy the society of your friends as much as you do eating your food?
Does not doing that which is pleasant to the feelings, delight and animate the soul, as food refreshes and sustains the body?
Should you not seek to do the will of God more anxiously than you seek for food?
What ought you to do for that Savior who was forsaken of God, that *you* might obtain *his* favor?

LESSON IX.

Jesus teaches the Samaritans, and heals the Ruler's Son.

CH. iv. 35—54.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.
36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.
39 ¶ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.
40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.
41 And many more believed because of his own word;
42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.
43 ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.
44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country.
45 Then, when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.
46 So Jesus came again into Cana of

Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.
52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judea into Galilee.

WHERE was Jesus during the conversation with the woman, which we considered in the last lesson?
Where did we leave the woman?
What indication was there that she intended to return?
Had the disciples returned from the city?
35 WHAT did Jesus tell them *not* to say?
How long after planting before corn is ripe?
Well, in what passages is preaching called planting or sowing? — 1 Cor. 3 : 6. Matt. 13 : 37, 38.
The world is sometimes called the field; while Jesus was conversing, a great multitude came out of the city; to what did he refer, when he said, Behold the fields?
What effect had the report of the woman produced on them?
What do you think he meant, when he said *they are white already for the harvest?*
36 WHAT did he say of him that reaped?
What fruit would he gather?
When pious parents meet their children, teachers their scholars, and ministers their people, in heaven, will it not be a time of rejoicing?
Do you expect to meet your teacher there?
What is necessary to fit the soul for heaven? — 3 : 3.

37 What did he say was true ?
38 Where did he say he had sent them to reap ?
What teachers had God before sent to the Jews ?
Had the *prophets preached* to the people a great while ?
Do you suppose the preaching of John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ, prepared the people to understand the preaching of the apostles ?
Did they preach a long time, before they saw many people repent and come to be baptized ? — Acts 2: 41.
39 What effect had the declarations of the woman on the people of the city ?
How did the Samaritans feel toward Jesus ?
For what did they believe ?
What should this teach us ?
40 What did they desire him to do ?
Did he comply with their request ?
How long did he remain there ?
Do you feel willing to listen to the instructions of Jesus ?
What direction did Jesus give his disciples, in relation to those who did not receive them ? — Matt. 10: 14.
41 What did many more do, when they heard him themselves ?
42 What did they tell the woman they then believed for ?
Whom did they say they knew he was ?
Are you not fully persuaded that Jesus is the only Savior ?
Have you heard much more than these Samaritans did about him ?
What, then, is your duty ?
43 After two days where did he go ?
To what place in Galilee did he go ? — v. 46.
44 To what did he testify ?

What was the name of the city in which he was born? — Matt. 2: 1.
But in what city did his parents live? — Matt. 2: 23.
What was he therefore called? — *Ib:*
Now tell the reason, why he did not go to *Nazareth*, instead of *Cana*?
45 How did the Galileans treat him?
What reason is given for their receiving him?
What feast is here spoken of?
46 To what place did Jesus come?
Who came there to see him?
In what affliction was he?
Where can we receive comfort in affliction?
What is a *nobleman*?
Which way from Cana to Capernaum?
47 When he heard Jesus had come to Galilee, what did he do?
What did the nobleman desire him to do?
Did he say his son was *very sick*?
48 What did Jesus say to the people?
Did any of the Jewish teachers heal the sick?
Would it be a wonderful thing, if Jesus cured this child, when at the very point of death?
And if he healed this man's son, would it not be a sign or evidence, that he was the Son of God?
What does the power to heal the sick in his own name imply? — Matt. 9: 5.
Then would they not be much more likely to believe what he said?
49 What did the man say to Jesus?
From his request, how do you think he respected Jesus?
50 How did Jesus answer him?
Did he believe what Jesus said to him?
What did he do?
51 As he was returning who met him?
What did they say to him about his son?

Did they mean to say *merely*, that he was alive, or that he was much better ?

52 THEN, what inquiry did he make ?

When did they say the fever left him ?

At what time of the day was this ?

53 THEN what did the father know ?

What was the effect of this miracle on this man ?

Did any of the rest of the family *believe* on Jesus ?

Where have you another account of household faith ? — Acts 16 : 34.

Do you not think that this child had great reason to love the Savior ?

Well, have you never been sick ?

By whose blessing did you recover ?

If God should neglect to take care of you, for one hour, should you live to come to the school next Sabbath ?

Where was Jesus when he performed this miracle ? — v. 46.

What miracle had he before performed in the same place ?

This was the second miracle which he performed, in like circumstances, having come from Judea into Galilee.

You have enjoyed many privileges, and heard much religious instruction ; have you been profited by them ?

Ministers and teachers are called sowers ; are you prepared to rejoice with them in the day of judgment ?

REVIEW.

IN the last three lessons, who is first spoken of ?

Where did Jesus have conversation ?

What effect was produced on the woman by it ?

Was she a good woman ?

What influence had her account of Jesus on the people of the city ?

What did Jesus say was the worship which was acceptable to God ?

What feelings does he require, to make the prayers of children acceptable ?

On what occasions did the Jews go up to Jerusalem ? (See *Feasts.*)

How many feasts were there ?

What did Jesus say about a prophet ?

What was there peculiar about the miracle which Jesus performed on the ruler's son ?

You will find some account of the origin of the difficulty between the Jews and Samaritans in 2 Kings 17 : 24. Give an account of the affair.

On this account, the Samaritans endeavored to prevent all from going to Jerusalem.— Luke 9 : 51 — 54.

In what place may we endeavor to worship God ?

At the end of all things, where will all true worshippers meet ?

Do you think we shall be there ?

LESSON X.

The Sick Man at the Pool healed.

Ch. v. 1—18.

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now there was at Jerusalem, by the sheep *market*, a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in, was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole ?
7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but

while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.
11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?
13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.
14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus which had made him whole.
16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.
17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

WHERE was Jesus when he healed the nobleman's son?
In what manner did Jesus employ himself on his journeys? — Acts 10:38. Matt. 4:23.
1 WHAT was there after this?
Who went up to this feast?
2 WHAT does John say there was at Jerusalem, by the sheep-market or gate?
Have you ever seen a pool, or bathing-place, for the sick and other people?
You may not have seen houses built for bathing, but have you not seen a pond or lake, where people might bathe and swim?
What was this pool called, in the Hebrew language?
Do you know what Bethesda means?
How many porches were built by the side of this pool?
3 WHO were lying in these porches?
Can you describe the different kinds of disease here named?
For what were they waiting?
4 WHAT is said to have troubled or agitated the waters of the pool?
Were the people accustomed to ascribe all bles-

sings to the agency of angels ? — Heb. 1 :14. Acts 12: 11.

Do you not think our heavenly Father is exceedingly kind, to send angels to take care of us ?

What benefit did the man receive who went into the pool first after the agitation of the water ?

If, at this place, God caused the waters to cure all diseases, can you not tell why it is called Bethesda, or the *house* of *mercy* ?

Can you name any places where those suffering from disease go to benefit their health ?

5 Did Jesus find any one there ?

How long had this man been sick ?

Of what kind was his disease ?

6 Was it known to Jesus that he had been suffering for a long time ?

What did he say to the man ?

7 What did the lame man say ?

How was he expecting to be healed ?

Do you think this man *knew* Jesus could heal him ?

If men had been as kind as the Savior was, what would they have done for this man ?

What do you call that disposition, which leads children to seek their own comfort, and not to care for others suffering ?

The most needy are often neglected ; what does Jesus say we should do ? — Luke 14: 13.

Do you indulge in selfishness and cruelty ?

Do you not sometimes step before others and take what properly belongs to them ?

8 What did Jesus say to the man ?

How long since this man had stood on his feet ? — v. 5.

If this man rose up and carried his pallet or mat on which he was laid, what would it prove ?

9 What did he do ?

What day of the week was this ?

If this man, so weak and helpless, so readily obeyed the Savior, should any one hesitate immediately *to do* as he commands?

What does he command all men now to do?—Acts 17: 30.

Have you obeyed?

10 Did those who knew this poor man rejoice when they saw he was cured?

What did they say to him?

Will you repeat the passage in Ex. 20: 8—10?

Who alone can heal diseases by a word?

Had not Jesus shown by this miracle, that he possessed authority to command what he pleased?

11 What did the man who had been cured of his lameness say to the Jews?

Would you not think it safe to obey any one, who could, by a word, cure a man who had been sick thirty-eight years?

12 Then what did they ask him?

Were these persons probably present at the pool, when the man was healed?

13 Did the man know who had healed him?

What prevented it?

As there was a great multitude there, was it not easy for Jesus to pass out of sight among them?

14 Afterward, where did Jesus find this man?

For what purpose might he have gone there?

What feelings are appropriate when we have received great favors?

Should you think the man was thankful to God for the blessing he had received?

What did Jesus say to the man?

Was not his very long sickness a very great evil?

What can and will come upon all impenitent sinners that is a thousand times worse?—Matt. 25 : 46.

Are you not exposed to this dreadful evil ?
How can any escape ? — Chap. 3 : 16.

15 After this, did he know who it was that had healed him ?
What did he do ?
What might he expect the Jews would do, when informed that it was Jesus who had healed him ?
Was this natural ?
Is it reasonable to expect you to love your parents ? Why ?
To expect all to love God ? Why ?

16 How did this affect the minds of the Jews ?
Would it not destroy the influence of Jesus, if the rulers among them charged him with violating God's law ; and with being a very wicked man ?
What, beside persecuting Jesus in this way, did they seek to do ?
For what reason ?
Was this a good reason for their enmity ? Why ?

17 What kind of work was it which Jesus did on the Sabbath ?
What did Jesus say to the people ?
Does not our heavenly Father provide for our comfort on Sabbath days ?
What would happen to the beasts of the field, or the fowls of the air, were it not for his constant provision and blessing on all days ?
What is said of the Sabbath, Mark 2 : 27, 28 ?
Then might not Jesus, the Son of God, properly bless this poor cripple with healing mercy on the Sabbath day ?
What is it lawful for us to do on Sabbath days ? — Matt. 12 : 12.
Is it doing well, to visit the sick, to teach the ignorant the word of God, to hear the truth, and study the Bible ?

Have you been doing these things which are right, in a proper manner?

18 What effect did this reply produce on the Jews?

Why did they seek the more to kill him?

To whom did they say he made himself equal?

What is said in Chap. 1 : 1?

Then, did he not possess equal power and authority with God?

And was this not evident to all who saw his works?

LESSON XI.

Jesus declares his Equality with God.

Ch. v. 19 — 35.

19 ¶ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them;* even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all *men* should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 ¶ If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

Of what miracle have we an account in the first part of this chapter?

On what day was it performed ?
How long had this man been lame ?
Were the Jews pleased with this exhibition of his power and kindness ?
Of what did they accuse him ? — v. 18.

19 WHAT does he now say about his power ?
Does he yet call himself the Son of God ?
What are some things that Jesus did which the Father does ? — Chap. 1 : 3. Heb. 1 : 3.
Will a good and obedient child do any thing of himself, or for himself, opposed to his father's will ?
Was Jesus desirous of obeying the will of his Father ? — Matt. 26 : 42.
Can you tell the reason why he could do nothing of, or for himself ?
Does his Son Jesus see all that God does ?
Can man see how God performs his works, as Jesus can ?
If a child knows all that you know, and is able to do every thing which you can, is he not equal to you in knowledge and power ?

20 How does the Father feel toward his Son Jesus ?
What does he show him ?
What will he hereafter show him ?
Can you repeat some of the wonderful things which Jesus had already done ?

21 WHAT does Jesus say the Father had done ?
Do you recollect any instance in which the power of God had been shown in raising the dead in old times ? — 1 Kings 17 : 19 — 24. 2 Kings 4 : 32 — 35.
Will you relate these occurrences in your own language ?
Did these prophets raise those dead children to life by their own power, or did God do it by them ?
Did Jesus raise the dead of himself ?

What did he say in Chap. 10 : 18, about his power to raise himself from the dead ?
Then, was his power not different from that of the prophets ?

22 WHAT did he say the Father did not do ?
To whom has he committed all judgment ?
Are not the raising of all the dead and judging the world much greater works than healing one sick man ?
Should you think Jesus would be able to judge the world, if he did not know the hearts of all people ?
According to what principle will men be judged? — Matt. 25 : 34 — 46.
Does he know your heart ?
Do you think if you should die as you now are, Jesus would condemn you at the day of judgment ?

23 WHOM did Jesus say men should honor ?
To what extent ?
How may we honor God ?
Do you know any persons who do not reverence, praise, and obey God ?
If a person pretends to honor the Father, and disregards and speaks lightly of his Son Jesus Christ, will God accept him ?
Can those who do not honor Jesus, honor God ? Why ?

24 WHAT does Jesus say of such as hear, or attend to his instructions and believe on the Father ?
Into what shall they not come ?
In what state are all such as do not believe in Jesus Christ ? — Chap. 3 : 18. Eph. 2 : 1.
From what are such passed, as believe and obey the instructions of the Savior ?
What young persons can you name, who, you think, have passed into this happy state from a state of condemnation ?

25 WHAT does Jesus say is coming ?
By whom will all the dead be raised at the Judgment ?
What person did he raise from the dead very soon after this ? — Matt. 9 : 23 — 26.
What other persons did he raise from the dead while on the earth ? — Luke 7 : 11 — 19. John 11 : 43, 44.
26 HAS the Father the power of himself to give life ?
To whom has he given the same power ?
27 WHAT authority has he also given to Jesus ?
What is the reason here given ?
28 DID Jesus tell them not to wonder at what he had declared to them ?
What did he say was coming ?
Whose voice is it that they shall hear ?
29 WHAT shall they do when they hear his voice ?
Who will be present at that solemn scene ?
Will all the children who have died in all the world, and all men killed in battle, and all drowned in the sea, come forth alive ?
Do you really think all will come up out of the graves, in that burying-ground, where you have seen people buried ?
What is said of those who have done good ?
What of those who have done evil ?
Will you repeat Dan. 12 : 2 ?
Should you think from this, that persons who are bad when they die, would ever become good ?
Can any, except the good, be happy ?
Does it not become all to prepare for that day ?
30 WHAT did Jesus say, v. 19 ?
Does he repeat the same thing in this verse ?
Will the sentence of condemnation he pronounces, be just ?
Whose will does he say he seeks ?

If you seek to please another, do you act merely for your own pleasure ?

Now can you see clearly why Jesus said, *I can do nothing of myself* ?

31 What did he say about *bearing witness* of himself ?

Can you recollect some occasion when there was testimony from heaven, that Jesus was the Son of God ? — Matt. 3 : 17.

32 Had he other evidence beside his own words ?

Was this testimony of John true ?

33 For what occasion did they send to John ? — Chap. 1 : 19.

What did John call Jesus on that occasion ?

34 Did Jesus need the declaration of John, or any other man, to prove that he was the Son of God ?

For what did he say he had made these remarks ?

When they saw how Jesus was fulfilling what John had foretold, would they not be likely to believe on him ?

35 What does Jesus say of John ?

How does he say the people received him for a time ?

Why do you suppose they did not continue to be pleased with him ?

Are persons inclined to love those who tell them their faults ?

You have seen that Jesus will raise all the dead, and judge the world ; now will you think of this often through the week ?

LESSON XII.

The Evidence of the Divinity of Jesus from his Works and Scripture.

Ch. v. 36—47.

36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John; for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.
37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.
39 Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
41 I receive not honor from men.
42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.
44 How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that *cometh* from God only?
45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.
46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

In the last lesson, what did Jesus say he had in himself? — V. 26.

When the people appeared astonished at what he had told, what did he say they should see?

Did you not think that if he could raise all the dead, and if he was to judge the world, he knew all things and could do all things?

Do you think you love the teachings of Jesus?

Will you recollect to-day that he sees and hears us in all we do and say?

Have you thought much of the judgment, at which all good and all the bad persons must appear?

36 Had Jesus stronger evidence that he was the Son of God, than the declaration of John or any other person?

What did he say bore witness of him?
What declaration did a certain man make about this? — Chap. 3: 2.
Who was this man?
Do you think his miracles proved him to be the Son of God?
Can you relate a fact stated in Chap. 9: 30—33?
If a child should come to your house, to do something for his father, should you not think it almost certain, that his father sent him?

37 Jesus said his *works* proved that he was the Son of God; now, who does he say has borne witness of him?
Did not God speak of Jesus by Moses and the prophets?
Can you repeat any passages where Jesus is spoken of? — Deut. 18: 15. Isa. 53: 5.
Did any persons ever hear a voice declaring him to be the Son of God? — Matt. 3: 17.
On what occasion did this occur?
Can you recollect any other occasion? — Matt. 17: 5.
If those to whom Jesus then spoke, had not heard this voice, still, was not the evidence, that he was the Son of God, very strong?

38 What did Jesus say to them?
Were the people careful to obey the commands of God?
What did Jesus refer to, as evidence that they did not properly regard the word of God?
If they had fully understood and desired to obey the word of God, would they not have received Jesus?
How then must God regard them?

39 What did Jesus direct them to do?
Is *search* more expressive than *read*?
When you lose something valuable, do you *search* for it?

Is there much that is very valuable in the Scriptures ?
How should you read them ?
Have you done this ?
What did the Jews think they found in them ?
Of whom do they testify ? — Dan. 9: 26, 27.
Is not the way of life pointed out to all, in the Scriptures ?
Do you recollect who received Jesus joyfully when he was brought to the temple in infancy ? — Luke 2: 27 — 32.
What do you think prepared Simeon to receive him ?
40 What did he say they would not do ?
In what did they trust for salvation ?
What is here meant by *life* ?
Is there any other way in which men can be saved, except by Jesus Christ ?
May all who desire it, come to him and be saved ? — Rev. 22: 17.
Do you think any of the children in your class have come to Jesus ?
Is not youth the most favorable time to do this?
41 Did Jesus say these things for the purpose of receiving honor from men ?
Did not angels worship the Savior ? — Heb. 1: 6.
42 Did Jesus know their hearts ?
What did he say was not in them ?
Was this the reason why they did not believe on him ?
How do you feel in company with a person whom you do not love ?
Will not the child who loves his parents obey them ?
Do such persons as disobey God love him ?
What children in school, do you think love God ?

Would it make any, except those who love God, happy to be with him?

43 In whose name did Jesus come?
Did his instructions and miracles prove that God was with him?
How did they treat him?
Would they be likely to receive one as a leader, who should come in his own name?

44 From whom did these men seek honor?
In what manner? — Matt. 6: 5.
What should they seek?
Have you known some children do even bad things, because others praised them for it?
Are you sometimes unwilling to do what you know is right and pleasing to God, because you fear reproach?
Is this right?
What does Jesus say of those who are ashamed of him or of his words? — Mark 8: 38.
We cannot have the honor of both God and the world; which is best?
Do you seek it?

45 What need they not think?
Who would accuse them?
Did they trust in the law of Moses?
But did they really believe the declaration of Moses, and keep the law?
What is said of the law? — Rom. 3: 20.

46 If they had, what would they have done?
Will you repeat some things which Moses wrote about Jesus? — Gen. 3: 15. 49: 10.

47 Did they not profess to believe the writings of Moses?
What are those called who profess to be what they are not?
If a person really believes the declarations of the Savior, will he endeavor to obey his precepts?

What do you think your conduct this week will show; that you *do*, or *do not* believe, what you have been taught for several Sabbaths?

REVIEW.

Jesus regarded the poor and relieved their wants. Where do you find him in the beginning of the tenth lesson?

Did he heal the man?

Relate the circumstances: here was a miracle; was it performed before many persons?

How did it affect the Jews?

What things may we do on the Sabbath?

Is the Sabbath really a benefit to us?

How?

When was it instituted?

What command was given concerning it?

What does Jesus claim to be?

To what four things does he refer as evidence, that he is the Son of God? — Vs. 31 — 39.

Who will judge the world?

Will any persons be delivered from condemnation who do not believe on Jesus?

What did he expect the Jews to do?

Did the Jews show that they loved God?

What rule has Jesus given us by which we may judge?

Do you bear good fruits?

LESSON XIII.

The Miraculous Feeding of the Multitude.

Ch. vi. 1—14.

1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias.
2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.
3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.
4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.
5 When Jesus then lift up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?
6 (And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.)
7 Philip answered him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,
9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Where was Jesus when he healed the lame man?
On what day was it?
Who did his power prove him to be?
By whom will all the dead be raised, and the world be judged?
1 After he had taught the people all these things, where did he go?
Which way from Jerusalem was this sea?
What river runs from it into the Dead Sea?
2 Did any people follow him?
For what reason?
Did all persons who saw his miracles believe on him?—Chap. 11: 47, 48.
3 Where did Jesus go?

Who came to him ?

4 NEAR the time of what feast was this ?

Can you tell about what time of the year the passover was ?

What can you tell about the origin of this feast?

5 WERE there many people here with Jesus ?

What did he say to Philip when he saw them ?

6 WHY did he say this ?

Where have you seen Philip's name before ?—Chap. 1 : 43.

Did Jesus know what he would do ?

7 WHAT did Philip say?

One penny was about fourteen cents of our money; how much did Philip think it would take to buy them all bread ?

Had the disciples probably so much money ?

8 WHO then spoke to him ?

9 WHAT did he say?

How many men do you think this would satisfy?

Does it appear to you that they expected Jesus would work a miracle to feed these people ?

10 THEN what did Jesus say ?

What was there in that place ?

How many sat down ?

11 WHAT did Jesus do ?

What next ?

Should we always give thanks to God for supplying us with food ?

When the bread was broken what did the disciples do ?

Do you think Jesus miraculously increased the quantity of bread before five loaves could be distributed to five thousand people ?

Whom did God supply with food in a wonderful manner, many hundred years before this? —1 Kings 17 : 4–6.

Do you recollect an instance where the provis-

ion of one was increased in a wonderful manner?

Relate the circumstances.

12 Did they eat as much as they wanted?

Then what did Jesus say to his disciples?

Should we always *save* the food that remains, after we are satisfied with eating?

13 How many baskets did they fill with what remained?

Should you not think this was much more than the five loaves?

Then did not Jesus create the bread which the people ate?

Well, children, does he not really create every thing you eat?

You know that somebody must sow or plant, but can the *earth* make one grain of wheat produce a hundred?

Then does God multiply food for men and beasts all over the world every day?

14 What did those men do when they had seen this miracle?

Whom did they mean by the prophet that should come into the world? — Mal. 4 : 5.

Do you think the people here were more or less prejudiced against Jesus, than the Jews?

Have all the children in the school as much reason to believe on the Savior as they had?

Will you consider through the week, in how *many* ways God is doing you good?

LESSON XIV.

Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee and teaches the People.

Ch. vi. 15—27.

15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.
16 And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea,
17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.
18 And the sea arose, by reason of a great wind that blew.
19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.
20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.
21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.
22 ¶ The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone;
23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias, nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)
24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.
25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?
26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.
27 Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

On which side of the sea of Galilee did we leave Jesus last Sabbath?
What miracle had he performed there?
What feeling was it that caused Jesus to supply the wants of the multitude?
Do you possess that feeling for the needy?
Have you seen any children since the last Sabbath who needed food and could not obtain it?
How did this miracle affect the people?
15 What did Jesus perceive?
What did he do?
For what purpose was he accustomed to retire from the multitude?—Matt. 14 : 23.

Do you ever go away by yourself for this purpose?
Would not a king who could do such miracles be very desirable?
Do you think there are many men who would be unwilling to be made a king?
16 WHERE did his disciples go at evening?
What sea was this? — v. 2.
17 WHEN they came to the sea what did they do?
Toward what place did they sail?
Was Jesus with the disciples when it had become quite dark?
18 WAS the sea calm, or much agitated, that night?
What caused the agitation?
Have you ever seen the sea when the wind blowed very hard?
They were in great danger; of whom did they probably think?
19 How many miles had they rowed when they saw Jesus?
How was he coming to them?
What did they suppose he was?
How did they feel?
How wide was this sea?
Can you tell whether they were in a large ship, or a boat?
20 WHAT did Jesus say to them?
Is God present with the ships on the great ocean?
What is God called? — Ps. 62 : 8.
Does he see you in every danger?
Can he protect you, and keep you from harm?
21 THEN what did the disciples do?
What followed?
Shall we not always perform duty better, and endure all suffering more cheerfully, if we feel that Christ is present with us?
Do you realize that he is present at all times?

When you do feel this, are you apt to be easily angry, or often unkind ?

22 On which side of the sea were the people here spoken of ?

Was there any boat there, after the disciples left the night before ?

Did Jesus go with his disciples ?

It appears the people were seeking for Jesus. What facts did they know ?

23, 4. Had any other boats come from Tiberias to the east side of the lake, after the disciples had gone away ?

When the people saw that Jesus was not there what did they do ?

What feeling did they manifest about this affair ?

For what purpose did they come to Capernaum?

Do you think, if the children of this school should know that Jesus was teaching the children of a school near us, they would wish to go and hear him ?

Would they all obey his teaching ?

Do you not hear his instructions every Sabbath?

25 Where did they find Jesus ?

What did they say ?

26 What was the answer Jesus gave ?

Had these people any desire to hear and obey his instructions ?

Then does it always show that people love the truth when they take considerable pains to go where it is preached ?

Were they not selfish in following Jesus ?

What does true religion require ? — Matt. 16 : 24.

What does *taking up the cross* mean ?

27 For what should they not labor ?

For what should they labor ?

Which do you think the most important, food

for the body, or such a knowledge of God as will save the soul for ever ?

Who can impart such knowledge ?

In what book has he left such instructions ?

To *seal* means to *approve* ; how did God approve of Jesus ? — Acts 2 : 22.

Do you suppose the children in this school think more of the Bible than of their food ?

Which would you prefer to lose, your dinner every Sabbath day, or your Sabbath school instruction ?

Would not the former be to prefer the meat that perishes ?

LESSON XV.

Jesus declares Himself the Bread of Life.

Ch. vi. 28 — 40.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see and believe thee? what dost thou work?
31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
36 But I said unto you, that ye also have seen me, and believe not.
37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

How did Jesus come to his disciples while they were on the sea of Galilee ?

What did the people do when they saw he had left them ?

For what did they follow him ?

In the 27th v. what does he tell them ?

28 WHAT inquiry did the people then make ?

Do you think it important, that all should inquire what will please God ?

What persons do you know who seem to make this inquiry ?

29 WHAT did Jesus answer ?

Whom did he mean by *him that was sent* ?

For what was he sent ? — Chap. 3 : 16.

What did Jesus require of those who believed on him ? — Matt. 16 : 24.

Then, is it the most pleasing thing to God that any one can do, to become a Christian ?

What is necessary in order to be a Christian ? — Chap. 3 : 7.

Do you think you are one ?

30 Now what did they ask of him ?

What miracle had Jesus just performed ?

Should you think from their question that they saw him perform the miracle ?

If they did, what does it show ?

When God sent persons to be leaders and teachers, did he give them signs ? — Ex. 9 : 23.

Then was it not reasonable for them to expect Jesus would show some sign of his authority as a teacher ?

What sign from heaven had been given at his baptism ? — Matt. 3 : 17.

31 WHAT did they say of their fathers ?

Where have you an account of this ? — Ex. 16 : 15.

Was not the miracle of Jesus as great as this ? Relate the circumstances.

Did the Jews acknowledge Moses as one sent of God ?

But did *Moses* give them this manna ?
Then should they not believe on Jesus, who by his own power had done this ?

32 Did Moses give the people the manna ?
Who did give it to them ?
Would this manna which God gave the Israelites in the wilderness, benefit any part of man except the body ?
Do the instructions and promises of Jesus benefit and support the *soul* ?

33 What does Jesus say is the *bread of God* ?
To whom does Jesus refer ?
Here is a figure. Is it appropriate ? Why ?
To what did he compare the blessings which he gives when conversing with the Samaritan woman ?
Does he mean, that he is a support to the souls of men, as bread is to their bodies ?
What does he give to the world ?
Who partake of this life which he offers ?—Jn. 1 : 4. 3 : 16.

34 What did the people say ?
Do you feel as they seemed to feel ?
Food supports natural life ; does Jesus support spiritual life in the soul ?

35 How does he do this ?
Does he give everlasting life ?
What does Jesus say of those who come to him ?
And of him who believeth on him ?
Would it be very painful to perish from hunger or thirst ?
What is said of such as hunger for spiritual things ? — Matt. 5 : 6.
Will those who believe in Jesus and obey him suffer any evil after they die ? — Rev. 7 : 16.

36 Did those to whom he was speaking believe on him ?

Do all persons to whom his kind invitations now come, believe on him, so as to be saved?
Do you think any one in this school does?
37 If these people rejected him, who will come and believe on him?
Had God promised Jesus that many should be saved by his death? — Isa. 53 : 11.
What did he say of those who came to him?
Will those who do not believe in Christ be permitted to enter heaven? — Chap. 3 : 36.
Will those who do come, receive great blessings? — V. 35.
What child of less than twelve years old, do you know who is a Christian?
Will Jesus ever refuse to save any sinner who does come to him for pardon and salvation?
38 Whence did Jesus come?
For what purpose?
Do children generally seek to please themselves or God?
Which do you prefer to please, God or yourself?
Is that right?
39 What did he say was *the Father's will*?
What is meant by *the last day*?
Will all the good then be made alive and taken to heaven? — Matt. 25 : 34.
40 What does he here say is *the will of God*?
Will every one who knows and believes in Jesus, have everlasting life?
Do you know any very poor children, or very suffering sick people or any prisoners or slaves, who love the Lord Jesus?
Do you really think that every one of these will be for ever happy in heaven?
How will they feel when they arrive where all sickness, pain, tears, and death are for ever banished from the blessed place?

What will they do? — Rev. 7 : 9 — 15.
Do you expect to be there?
What is the other place in which there will be *weeping* for ever?
Will you ask yourself every night this week, toward which of these places have I been going to-day?

REVIEW.

How many miracles are spoken of in the last three lessons? Name them.
What does the first show?
Do you think all those who were fed loved and obeyed Jesus?
Were there many persons who saw this miracle?
What effect had this on the people?
How long did Jesus stay there after he fed the multitude?
Had his disciples gone before him?
How did they cross the lake?
How was the weather that night?
Did Jesus follow them? How?
Then did they get along better?
With whom had he promised always to be?
Do you love to think of his being with you?
What did he tell the people he was?
Food is constantly necessary. When do we need *spiritual blessings*?
How often should we seek them in prayers?
What does the apostle say of this?
For whom should we pray?
What would be the consequence of being without food?
What of being without the word of God?

What nations are without it?

We should all desire to help a famishing family; what ought we to do for those who have no Bible, and know not Jesus?

LESSON XVI.

Jesus continues his Teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum.

CH. vi. 41 — 52.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?
43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
44 No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God; he hath seen the Father.
47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
48 I am that bread of life.
49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world.
52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Do you recollect what Jesus said in the last lesson, about losing any of those who should come to him?

Did you ever read in your library books about good children who died very happy?

Have you not sometimes greatly desired to see them?

I suppose you have seen and heard of some very wicked people; now the Bible says these go to a different place: have you con-

sidered toward which place you have advanced the last week?

41 When he had taught them all these things, what did the Jews do?

Why did they murmur?

Were they more willing to receive his favors, or obey his commands?

42 Then what did they say?

In what city did Jesus live with Joseph and his mother, after he was twelve years old?—Luke 2 : 51.

Was he known before this in Jerusalem?—Luke 2 : 46, 47.

Was this, and the miracles which he performed, proofs that God had sent him?

43 What did Jesus say to them?

44 What did Jesus affirm no man could do?

Does *coming to him*, mean the same as *being his disciple*?

Did you ever hear that George Washington, when he was a boy, said he could not lie?

Why could he not lie?

Can any *good* boy tell that which is not true?

Can any man who is, and means to be bad, be a Christian at the same time?

Will any one come to Jesus until they *desire* the blessings he has promised to his disciples?

Does not God's word enlighten and excite the mind, by its instructions, promises, and threatenings?

Have you never felt drawn by the word and Spirit of God to come to Jesus?

What does he affirm of such as come to him?

Can you tell some of the motives which are presented in the word, to induce men to come to Jesus?

What will be the sad consequences of not coming?

45 WHAT saying of the prophets is mentioned ?
In which of the prophets is this written ? — Isa. 54 : 13. Jer. 31 : 34. Micah 4 : 2.
Who does Jesus say cometh to him ?
What do men learn from the word of God ? — Heb. 9 : 22.
How does God teach men ? — Ch. 16 : 8, 13, 14, 15.
When a person truly believes and deeply feels that he is a condemned sinner, and can be saved only by Jesus, will he not come to him?
46 WHAT does Jesus then say ?
Who is meant by *he who is of God* ?
If none except Jesus has seen and known God, how ought *he* to be regarded as a Teacher ?
Can you repeat what Jesus said in Chap. 4: 24 ?
47 WHAT does he promise to believers ?
Does *verily* add any thing to the strength of the expression ?
Does he mean that they should not die ?
Will you tell what it does mean ?
48 THE body cannot live without nourishment; can the soul ?
What does Jesus say he is ?
Do you recollect another passage where he called himself *the bread of life* ?
What *promise* did he make his disciples, when he sent them to preach the gospel ? — Matt. 28 : 20.
How did they feel when men beat them, and threatened to kill them ? — Acts 5 : 41.
Did you ever read how these promises cheered *Nathan Dickerman*, or *Mary Lothrop*, or *Joanna Reddington*, in their sickness, and at death ?
Now will you tell me how Jesus is the *Bread of life* ?

49 WHAT food did their ancestors eat in the wilderness? — Exod. 16 : 4.
Did it prevent their bodies from dying?
50 WHERE does the bread come from, of which a man may eat and not die?
Where did the manna come from? — Exod. 16 : 4.
What is the kind of death here meant?
Did the manna prevent this kind of death?
51 WHAT then is the bread from heaven, here meant?
Do you now remember what was said in v. 48?
What is promised to the man who eats it?
What is it to eat the bread here spoken of?
Is there any other but Jesus, on whom we can rely for salvation? — Acts 4 : 12.
Did not Jesus give his flesh or body to suffer, so that men might be saved?
For whose life does Jesus say he would give it?
If you should see persons perishing from hunger, how would you save them from death?
Will not men, who are in danger of perishing from their sins, be saved, if they believe on Jesus? — Jn. 3 : 16.
Now can you tell how his flesh is figuratively called bread, and why it is called *the living bread*?
This provision is made for the world. Will it benefit any except such as partake of it?
52 WHAT did the Jews do?
What did they say?
Do you think they understood what Jesus meant?
If some one should ask you what this meant, what should you tell them?
Would you not greatly dread perishing with hunger?

Is it a much more fearful thing for the soul to perish for ever ?
Is not your soul in danger of perishing for want of the living bread ?
Will you not receive it ?

LESSON XVII.

Jesus continues his Instructions in the Synagogue.

Ch. vi. 53—59.

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life ; and I will raise him up at the last day.
55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
58 This is that bread which came down from heaven : not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead : he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.
59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

What did Jesus frequently call himself in the last lesson ?
Do you think you understood what he meant ?
Will you tell me what you understand by the expression, *I am the Bread of life* ?
How was it that he gave his flesh for the life of the world ?
This is called *Atonement*, do you understand what it means ?
What effect had this declaration on the Jews ?
53 Then what did Jesus tell them ?
Can any persons be saved from punishment for their sins, unless they trust in Jesus as their Savior ? — Chap. 8 : 21, 24.
Will any except those have eternal life ?
Can you tell the meaning of this verse ?

Then is it not the same as verses 48, 51?

54 JESUS had spoken of himself as *the Bread of Life;* is the comparison just?

Will you repeat this verse?

On what does the body depend for strength?

Does the soul in a similar way depend on Jesus, for spiritual strength and eternal life?

Will food profit any but such as eat it?

Will the body and blood of Jesus save any, except such as believe in and obey him?

What will Jesus do to such as receive his instructions, and obey his precepts?

Will the ungodly also be raised up at the last day?—Chap. 5 : 28, 29.

What then is meant by the resurrection of those who receive Christ's instructions?—Phil. 3 : 10, 11. Heb. 11 : 35.

55 WHAT does Jesus say of his flesh and blood?

Do you come to Jesus as a dying, risen Savior, to obtain spiritual food and eternal life?

56 WHAT does he say of such as do eat his body and drink his blood?

That which you love much is said to dwell in the heart; does Jesus dwell in yours?

Who takes care that you have food and clothing, and other things which you need?

Does the Savior provide for the souls of his children, as parents do for the bodies of theirs?

Who may partake of this spiritual food?—Rev. 22 : 17.

57 WHO does Jesus say sent him?

Is God the author of all life?

Can you repeat the remainder of the verse?

What will such as rely on Jesus for salvation, and go to his word for spiritual food, have by him?—Chap. 5 : 24.

If it is the will of Jesus that such as believe on

him should be saved, is there any being who can prevent their salvation?—Chap. 10:28,29.

58 WHAT is meant by *this bread*?
What is said of their fathers?
What of those who eat this bread?
Who in the class can tell what *eating this bread* means?
Will not all souls live for ever?
What then is here meant?—1 Thess. 4:17.

59 WHERE did Jesus say these things?
What is a synagogue?
Where was Capernaum situated? (See *map*.)
Were these very important truths?
Have you here heard the same truths which they heard there?
Are these truths profitable to any unless they *believe* them?—Luke 12:47.

LESSON XVIII.

Conversation of Jesus with his Disciples.

CH. vi. 60—71.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, doth this offend you?
62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.
64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.
65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.
66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.
67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?
68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?
71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the Son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

About whom was Jesus speaking principally, in the last lesson?
What did he, several times, call himself?
This we have before explained; can you now tell what he meant?
In what was this bread better than manna?
Which do most children prefer, spiritual pleasures or the pleasures of the world?
Is this wise?
What things are we now to converse upon?
Who is the Teacher of them?
60 When his disciples heard this, what did they say?
Should you think the particular persons whom he had chosen to be with him, were here meant by *his disciples*?
As disciple means any person who is taught, might not this refer to some persons who had but recently come to hear Jesus teach the people?
They said this was a difficult saying to understand; do you think it is?
Do very learned men, sometimes, make simple things very difficult? — Chap. 3 : 9 — 11.
What is the cause of it? — 2 Cor. 4 : 4.
Was the doctrine of salvation by Jesus rejected by many to whom it was preached? — 1 Cor. 1 : 18.
61 How did Jesus know that the disciples found fault with the conversation he had with them?
What inquiry did he make?
From whom did Nicodemus say he knew Jesus was sent? — Chap. 3 : 2.
Did his works prove it?
Had these persons seen any miracles?
Well; when it was settled that he was a divine Teacher, how should they regard all he said?
What does he say of those who do not take

offence at the doctrines which he taught? — Matt. 11 : 6.

62 THEN what did he say to them?
Whom did he mean by *the Son of man*?
Where was he before he came into the world? — Chap. 1 : 1. 17 : 5.
Did any of his disciples see him? — Acts 1 : 9.
Did he tell the people he was the Son of God?

63 THEY had misunderstood him: what did he tell them *quickened*, or *gave life*?
Of the flesh what did he say?
When the body is dead, do we consider it of any value?
What did Jesus say of his words?
Does he here tell them plainly, he did not mean they should actually eat his real body and drink his blood?
Do you understand how the instructions of Jesus are spirit and life?

64 DID all believe on Jesus?
Were those who believed, known to Jesus from the beginning of his teaching?
Beside this what did he know?

65 SINCE he knew this, what had he said to them?
In what verse is this said? — v. 44.

66 THEN what did many of his disciples do?
Did they entirely leave Jesus, or only go away for a time?
Do persons now act in a similar way?
Does this show that they were very wicked if they would not believe on Jesus, and obey him, after all they had seen and heard?
Are persons generally pleased, when such truth is plainly told them?
Do you believe in, and obey him as he requires?

67 THEN what did Jesus say to the others?
Might they have gone if they chose?

68 Who replied to this inquiry ?
What was his reply ?
What did he say Jesus had ?
To what did Peter refer ?
Will these doctrines lead all who believe them to eternal life, as well as Peter ?
Do any of your classmates believe these words which will lead to eternal life ?

69 What did Peter say they believed ?
Did they believe this very confidently ?
What do you call such confidence in Jesus ?
What effect does it produce ? — Gal. 5 : 6.

70 What was the answer which Jesus made ?
On what occasion did he select some of his disciples ? — Chap. 1 : 41 — 44.
Devil means an adversary or an opposer; what is the character of the being which we call the Devil ? — 1 Pet. 5 : 8.

71 Of whom did Jesus speak when he said, *one was a devil* ?
What would Judas do ?
Was he one of the disciples ?
Was not Judas under the influence of the Devil ? — Luke 22 : 3.
Can we tell now, how much wicked men are influenced by the adversary of all good ?
Has there not been much useful instruction in this chapter ?
The blessings of eternal life are promised; can you tell to whom they are promised ?
Is it not a solemn thought, that Judas was lost after he had, for a long time, been a disciple of Jesus ?
Will any of the children in this school be saved, merely because they have been here, and learned these lessons ?
Is it not possible, that some may go where Judas has gone ?

REVIEW.

In what place was Jesus when he gave the instructions contained in the three preceding lessons?

Read Mark 1 : 21, 37, and 2 : 1 — 28.

Do you think he was there much time ?

What miracles did he perform there ?

What denunciation did Jesus utter against it ? Matt. 11 : 23, 24.

Well, it has long since been destroyed; what should you learn from this ?

What is said of Jesus ?

Did his disciples gladly receive these declarations ?

When they complained of these as hard sayings, did he take them back ?

Those who receive his word as bread, have some promise : what is it ?

Jesus said he came from God : to whom did he ascend ?

Who were witnesses of it ?

Where is this declared ?

Did his disciples all continue with him after he said these things ?

He asked if the rest would go ; who replied ?

What did he say ?

Where are these words recorded ?

What is the difference between the expression, *a devil* and *the devil* ?

Did Jesus know the character of Judas ?

What do you infer about his knowledge of others ?

When will all these things be brought TO LIGHT ?

Who will be there ? — Matt. 25 : 32.

LESSON XIX.

Jesus goes up to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Ch. vii. 1—13.

1 After these things, Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.
2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.
3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.
4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.
5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.
6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.
7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.
8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.
9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee.
10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.
11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?
12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.
13 Howbeit, no man spake openly of him, for fear of the Jews.

In the last lesson there was much figurative language; do you recollect to what Jesus many times compared himself?

Can any one in the class explain the meaning of that figure so frequently used?

What effect had his instructions on the Jews?

1 In what place did Jesus dwell after these things?

Why would he not live in Judea?

Was it the *rulers*, or the *people generally*, who sought to kill him?

2 What feast was there about this time?

Can you tell what is said of this feast?—Deut. 16: 13, 15.

How was it observed?—Lev. 23: 39.

3 Who spoke to him about going to Judea?

For what purpose did they desire him to go to Judea?

Do you think that any more than his *twelve disciples* are here meant?

4 WHAT beside did they say to him?

If Jesus had sought honor from men, would he not have performed his miracles in all those places where he wished to make friends among the people?

To whom did they tell him to show himself?

Did not Jesus perform many miracles before large companies? — Chap. 6 : 9.

5 DID his relatives believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

Were many Jews likely to be at Jerusalem on this great feast day?

6 WHAT reply did Jesus make?

How did the Jews feel toward Jesus at this time? — Chap. 5 : 18.

When was their time?

As they had no *special* work to perform, might they not have gone up at *any time*?

7 WOULD the world hate them?

Are wicked men apt to be more displeased with those who engage with them in sin, or those who reprove them for sin?

Did the world hate Jesus?

Why did it hate him?

What would you call the works of the world?

8 WHAT did he tell his relatives to do?

Would he go with them?

Why not?

Do men hear truth more profitably when calm, or when excited by passion?

Is it dangerous to be angry? Why?

9 AT this time, where was Jesus?

Jesus travelled much from place to place; how did he spend his time? — Matt. 4 : 23.

10 AFTER his brethren had gone, what did Jesus do?

Was this done openly ?

Jews were accustomed to go from different parts of the land in large companies; if Jesus had gone with them, and performed his miracles before them, what would probably have been the consequence ? — Chap. 6 : 15.

Do you now see one reason why he said *his time was not yet* ? — V. 5.

11 Did the Jews look for him at the feast ?

What did they say?

Why did they desire to see him ?

12 What was done among the people ?

Does this mean *complaining* in this place, or does it mean there was much *discussion* among the people ?

What did they say?

How did they suppose he deceived the people ? — Chap. 5 : 18.

But did he not prove clearly that he was the Messiah ?

13 Did they speak freely and openly about him ? Why?

Does *Jews*, in this place, refer to *rulers* or *people* ?

Why did they fear the rulers ?

Do people now fear to express their opinions ?

What do *you* think of Jesus as your Savior ?

Ought you to love him ?

How do those who love the Savior publicly acknowledge it ?

Has he commanded this ?

What promise has he connected with obedience ? — Matt. 10 : 32.

LESSON XX.

Jesus at Jerusalem, — The agitation of the public Mind about Him.

Ch. vii. 14 — 24.

14 Now about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.
15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?
16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.
18 He that speaketh of himself, seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.
19 Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law. Why go ye about to kill me?
20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?
21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.
22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.
23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?
24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Where was Jesus when the last lesson closed?
What did the people say of him? — V. 12.
Do you think he tried to deceive the people? Why?
14 What did Jesus do?
Would he be likely to attract much attention in this place, after the people had talked about him for several days?
Will you tell, in your own language, what is said about this feast in Deut. 16: 13 — 15. Lev. 23: 42, 43?
At what time in the year did this feast come? — Ex. 12: 18.
The Jews' *sacred year* commenced with the

month Abib, to what month does that correspond?

How did the teaching of Jesus compare with the teaching of the Pharisees? — Matt. 7: 29.

15 WHAT effect had his teaching on the Jews?

What did they say?

What caused their astonishment?

Did you ever hear the expression, such an one is *a man of letters*?

The learning of the Jews was principally confined to the Scriptures; the teachers were scribes and priests: did Jesus ever study with any of them?

Can you tell how old Jesus was when he first conversed about the Scriptures in the temple?

Is not the study of the Bible the most important of all studies?

16 WHEN Jesus heard these questions, what did he say?

In his teachings, did Jesus always regard God and his honor?

Whose will did he come to do? — Chap. 5: 30.

17 How did Jesus tell them any man might know whether his instructions were true?

Could you tell whether sugar was sweet, without tasting it?

Are most persons willing to do what pleases God?

Would a child, who had stolen, be glad to know that there was a law that would punish him for it?

Does the law of God condemn sinners? — Gal. 3: 10.

Is this law just or unjust?

Then can you tell the reason why men do not love this law?

18 WHAT does he who speaks of himself seek?

Do you know any children who talk a great deal about themselves?
If you see a child who often speaks of his father and mother, do you think that child loves his parents?
What is said of one who seeks the honor of him that sent him?
Did Jesus do this?

19 WHO gave the Jews the law?
Did they acknowledge this? — Chap. 5 : 45.
Did they keep the law?
Was the spirit of unkindness and hatred, which they cherished, opposed to the law of Moses?
What did they seek to do to Jesus?
Had they any good reason for this?

20 WHAT did the people say?
What did they mean by this? — Chap. 10 : 20.
Have you not seen some deranged persons who thought others were designing to kill them?
But did not Jesus know the hearts of the Jewish rulers better than the people did?
Which command of the law did they violate by these feelings toward Jesus? — 1 John 3 : 15.
What effect did this charge produce on them?

21 DID Jesus reply to their question directly?
How were the people affected with the miracle which he had performed?
To what miracle did Jesus refer? — Ch. 5 : 8.
Were the Jews angry with him for this miracle?
On what account?

22 WHAT did Jesus say to the people?
The Jews ascribed all their rites to Moses, and he enjoined on them circumcision; but who first practised it? — Gen. 17 : 23.
Who then is meant by *the fathers*?
On what day did they circumcise a child?
Were they guilty of the same thing of which they charged him?

At what age was this rite performed ? — Gen. 17 : 12.

23 WHAT question did he ask ?

What else could be done on the Sabbath, without violating the law of Moses in regard to that day ?

Would not these men kill a sacrifice, or circumcise a child on the Sabbath ?

Then should they be angry with him for healing the lame man on that day ?

24 WHAT therefore did Jesus say to them ?

Is this an important rule ?

Should we be very careful in deciding on the conduct of others ?

Would it be right for you to say, that a child whom you saw walking on the Sabbath, was breaking God's law ?

Would he violate this law ? How ?

Suppose he were coming to Sabbath school, or going after a physician, would that be violating the Sabbath ?

For what was the Sabbath given us ?

How many years of Sabbaths has a person lived, who is fifty years old ?

Can any one complain, then, that he has not time to attend to religion ?

Will you repeat the command to keep the Sabbath ? — Ex. 20 : 8 — 11.

How many Sabbaths have you lived ?

Have you kept them in such a manner as to please God ?

LESSON XXI.

Jesus continues teaching in the Temple.

Ch. vii. 25—36.

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he whom they seek to kill?
26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is; but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.
28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.
29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me?
30 Then they sought to take him, but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.
31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?
32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.
33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go unto him that sent me.
34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come.
35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?
36 What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come?

Did the Jews consider it a violation of the law of the Sabbath, to circumcise one of their children, or offer sacrifice on that day?

How did they feel towards Jesus because he healed the lame man?

Did he do right in healing the man on the Sabbath?

Could he not do what he pleased on the Sabbath? — Luke 6 : 5.

Did Jesus know that his conversation would provoke the Jews to kill him?

25 What did some of the people say?

Was it the common people, or the scribes and

Pharisees, who sought to kill Jesus ? — Mark 12 : 37.

26 WHAT question did they ask among themselves ?
Do you think the rulers acted ignorantly, and supposed Jesus a bad man ?
Then what do you think of them ?
Did Jesus stop teaching the people, or reproving the wicked, because they sought to kill him ?
If wicked men should command a minister, that he must not preach any more, would it be right for him to obey them ?
What is said of those who seek to save their lives in this manner ? —Matt. 16 : 25.
When they saw how bold he was, what did they say ?

27 *They* were not willing to receive him ; what reason did they give ?
Do you know in what city he was born ? — Matt. 2 : 1.
In what place did he live for a long time ? — Matt. 2 : 23.
Did they not expect he would come from Bethlehem ? — Matt. 2 : 4 — 6.

28 WHEN Jesus heard this, what did he say ?
Did they know the *designs* of God in sending him into the world ?
What did the disciples say after his death ? — Luke 24 : 21.
Yet is he not a God of truth, and worthy of all confidence ?

29 DID Jesus know the Father fully ?
Why did he so perfectly know his character and will ?
He declares himself sent of God ; then how should he be regarded as a Teacher ?

30 DID they so regard him ?
What did they then seek to do ?

Did they succeed ?
What reason is given ?
Can wicked men accomplish their base purposes without God's knowing it ?
Will this make you feel safe, when you are doing that which pleases God, though it may displease men ?

31 How did his teaching affect the people ?
What did they say ?
Which do you think acted most wisely, those who believed on him, or those who sought to kill him ?
Which would you have done if you had been there ?

32 Did it please the Pharisees when they heard that the people said such things about Jesus ?
Should you think, from what the people said, that they were inclined to receive him as the Savior of the world ?
What did the Pharisees then do ?

33 When Jesus knew their feelings and designs, what did he say to the people who were about him ?
After Jesus rose from the dead, where did he go ? — Luke 24: 51.
What does the 33d verse mean ?

34 For their wickedness God was about to bring awful judgments on them; then what should they do ?
Then could they obtain his assistance and blessing ?
Would they find the true Messiah after he had ascended to heaven ?
Could they ever come to heaven, if they rejected Jesus ?
Do you think any one from this school can go where Jesus is ?

Cannot *all* of them, if they believe on his name? — Chap. 3 : 16.

35 THEN what did the Jews inquire among themselves?

Should you think, from this, they understood what he meant?

Were all persons, besides Jews, called Gentiles? (See GENTILE, *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge.*)

Who were the *dispersed* among the Gentiles? — 1 Pet. 1 : 1.

36 WHAT is said in this verse?

Do you think they felt some anxiety about this saying?

Might they not have understood it, if they really desired to?

Do you ever feel anxious to know whether you can go to heaven if you should die?

Will not this book tell you? — Chap. 3 : 3. Heb. 12 : 14.

From these passages, do you think that if Jesus should speak to you, he would say, *Where I am, ye cannot come?*

What must we do, to be prepared to go where Jesus is?

When does God command us to do this? — 17 : 30.

What will be the consequence of disobedience?

REVIEW.

In the 19th lesson, we find Jesus at the feast of tabernacles; where was this feast observed?

In what manner was it kept? — Lev. 23 : 39 — 41

For what was it instituted? — Lev. 23 : 43.

Who urged Jesus to go up to the feast?

By what motives ?
About whom was there much debate ?
At what time did he go up to Jerusalem ?
Into what place did he enter ?
What was the effect of his teaching ?
What accusation did they bring against him ?
Was it just ?
How did he prove it to them ?
What rule of judgment did he give them ?
Do you observe it ?
What did they attempt to do ?
Did they succeed ?
Is it always safe to do what pleases God ?
Was he aware that they would kill him ?
How did he indicate this ? — vs. 33 and 34.
Did they give heed to this warning ?
What calamity did come on the Jews as a nation ?
What will befall all who disobey God ?
Well, we all haste to the day of decision ; who of you are prepared ?

LESSON XXII.

Jesus at the Feast on the Last Day, and his Teachings there.

Ch. vii. 37 — 53.

37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.
41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?
42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and

out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
43 So there was a division among the people because of him.
44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.
45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?
46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.
47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?
48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?
49 But this people, who knoweth not the law, are cursed.
50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)
51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?
52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.
53 And every man went unto his own house.

WHAT did Jesus tell those who rejected him?
To what place must all go who are not prepared to be with him?

37. WHAT ceremony was performed on the last day of this festival? (See Ripley's *Notes*, on this place.)
On the last day of the feast what did Jesus proclaim?
In Matt. 5:6, who are pronounced blessed?
Have you not heard people speak of a *thirst for knowledge*?
What does Jesus mean by *thirst*, in this place?
Would not a sinner, who felt himself condemned, earnestly desire to know the way of salvation, as a thirsty man desires drink?
What is it, then, to come and drink?

38 WILL you repeat this verse?
Here is a figure; water is here put for happiness: does the person who believes that Jesus is his Savior have a constant source of happiness in his heart?
Now, in your own words, what does this verse mean?
Is there any thing in this world that can afford *certain* and uninterrupted bliss?
Then what is more desirable than all earthly riches?

39 WHAT did he refer to when he spoke this?

Had the peculiar gifts of the Holy Ghost been imparted at this time ?

Was this promised before Jesus departed from this world ? — Chap. 14 : 16, 17.

When was this promise fulfilled ? — Acts 2 : 33.

40 When the people heard this, what did they say ?

Did the Jews expect some *prophet* would appear before the Messiah ? — Mal. 3 : 1.

What was his name ?

41 What was the opinion of others ?

Had they not cause for thinking he was the Messiah ?

Then what question did they ask ?

42 From whose family did the Scriptures say Jesus should descend ? — Jer. 23 : 6. Ps. 132 : 11.

Out of what town was he to come ? — Mic. 5 : 2.

Was not this prophecy precisely fulfilled in Jesus ? — Luke 2 : 4.

43 If they had all *desired* to know the truth, could not they have ascertained what was true ?

Then will they be excused for not believing on him ?

Thus the people differed ; who were to blame for it, Jesus, or the people ?

44 What were some of them disposed to do ?

Did they do what they desired ?

Can you think of any reason why they should desire to take him ?

45 The officers then returned to the scribes and Pharisees ; had they sent these officers to take him ? — V. 32.

If they desired to punish him, why did they not take him wherever they found him teaching the people ? — Mark 11 : 32.

Did these officers bring Jesus with them ?

In this did they do right or wrong ?

46 What reason did they give for not taking him ?

Should you think from this, that they believed he was the Messiah?
Was it true, that *man never spake like him*?
Do you regard his teachings as you ought?
47 WHAT did the proud and wicked Pharisees say to the officers?
Which do you think were deceived, the Pharisees or the officers? Why?
48 THEN what inquiry did they make?
If these men had not believed, was it any good reason why others should not?
Which should we regard most, men or God?
Which did these Pharisees?
What does the apostle say of the wise and noble?—1 Cor. 1 : 26.
49 WHAT did they say of the people, who seemed to favor Jesus?
They charged them of being ignorant of the law. Were the Pharisees the teachers of the law?
Then whose fault was it that they were ignorant?
In religious things, ought all to have the privilege of examining for themselves?
50 WHO is mentioned in this verse?
What do you recollect about him?
About what did he talk with Jesus, that night he was with them?—Chap. 3 : 1.
51 WHAT question did he ask the Pharisees?
Does any law condemn a man without hearing him?
Should we suppose that Nicodemus was a friend to Jesus, from this?
Did he manifest it with the decision he ought?
52 WHAT reply did they make?
What commandment did they violate?—Deut. 19 : 18.
Did they intend, by this, bitterly to reproach Nicodemus?

They intimated that no prophet arose out of Galilee. Was this true ?—2 Kings 14 : 25.
Elijah and Elisha were also from Galilee. What does this falsehood show ?
Are men in danger of saying and doing what is wrong, when under the influence of hatred and anger, or prejudice ?
Will you watch over yourself in this respect during the week ?

53 After this conversation what did they do ?
Who among the Pharisees do you suppose was most happy, Nicodemus, or those who were so prejudiced against Jesus ?
Is your conduct *for* or *against* him ?
Who in the class would rather suffer than displease Jesus ?
Who can you name who have done so ?

LESSON XXIII.

Jesus puts to Silence the Accusers of the adulterous Woman.

Ch. viii. 1—11.

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.
2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.
3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*
7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest; *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

CAN you tell where Jesus was, during the transactions recorded in the last chapter?
Did the rulers receive his instructions with pleasure?
Do you recollect what the officers said to the Pharisees, when they returned that day, after they had been sent to take Jesus?
Were the Pharisees angry?
About what did they tell a falsehood in their anger?
Have you been angry the last week?
1 WHERE did Jesus go?
The Pharisees went to their houses: had Jesus any home? — Matt. 8 : 20.
What family was he accustomed to visit at the foot of this mount? — Chap. 11 : 1.
For what was he accustomed to retire to this mountain? — Matt. 14 : 23.
What garden, or grove of olive trees was there on this mountain? — Matt. 26 : 36.
Do you think Jesus prayed for the wicked Pharisees, who tried to kill him, when he was there?
Do you pray for those who injure you?
2 IN the morning, where did he come?
Was Jesus most desirous of his own ease, or of the good of the people?
Should you seek to benefit others as he did?
Who came to him?
Then what did he do?
3 WHILE he was teaching, what did the Pharisees do?
Her crime was, living with a man to whom she was not married as though she had been married; was it a great sin?
Which of the commandments forbids it? — Ex. 20 : 14.
What did they do with the woman?

4, 5. After stating the case, what did they say Moses commanded to be done with such ?
Where is this said ? — Lev. 20 : 10. Deut. 22: 23, 24.
What did they ask him ?
6 For what purpose did they do this ?
Did these men carefully keep the law themselves ? — Chap. 7 : 19.
Then what did Jesus do ?
Did he hear their question ?
Do you think he appeared desirous of giving an opinion in the case ?
7 Did they continue to ask him the question ?
When he rose up, what did he say ?
By this did he condemn the sin ?
Should every one think more of their own sins than the sins of others ?
Do you think more about your own heart than others' faults ?
8 When this was said, what did he do ?
9 By what is it said they were convicted ?
Does conscience decide what is right and wrong?
Do you feel happy, when conscience tells you that what you have done is wrong ?
Ought you not to be very careful and obey the dictates of conscience ?
Under the influence of this sense of their guilt what did they do ?
See the power of conscience ; when will it act with awful power on all the guilty ?
Was Jesus and the woman yet there ?
10 What did he say to her ?
Did this show her that he knew her heart ?
Were her accusers as wicked as herself ?
What inquiry did Jesus make of the woman ?
11 What did she answer ?
Did Jesus pass sentence on her ?
But did he approve of her sin ?

What did he tell her ?

May not all sinners, who repent, be forgiven ?

At the day of judgment, will not these Pharisees be condemned for their hidden wickedness ?

Should you not repent and seek the guidance of your heavenly Father, that you may sin no more ?

Will you pray for this ?

Will you watch against all temptation to sin ?

What does the conduct of Jesus in this case show ?

He knew the evil designs and wicked practices of the Pharisees. Is he acquainted with all men's hearts ?

LESSON XXIV.

Jesus again declares Himself the Son of God.

Ch. viii. 12—29.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? Because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.
26 I have many things to say, and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.
27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.
28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

WHERE was Jesus, in the last lesson?
What relation was there given?
12 JESUS begins to teach the people about himself. What did Jesus say he was?
In Luke 1 : 79. what is said of the people being in darkness?
Is this the darkness of night, or of ignorance?
How was Jesus *the light of the world*?
What was promised to those who followed him?
Are the teachings of Jesus the light that directs to eternal life?
What is the condition of those countries which have no Bible?
13 THEN what did the Pharisees say?
Does it always follow, because a man speaks of himself, that he does not speak the truth?
What evidence had he given them that he was the Messenger of God? — Chap. 5 : 36.
14 DID Jesus assert that he did speak the truth?
What did he *know* which they could not tell?
Did the miracles of Jesus show that he was more than man?
15 How did they judge?
Did he mean by this, they were full of prejudice and hatred?
Did Jesus condemn, or judge any man, in this way?
16 WHAT was his judgment?
What reason did he give?
Did all the teachings and decisions of Jesus agree with God's will?

17 WHAT maxim in their law did he repeat?
Where is it said, the testimony of two men is to be believed? — Deut. 17 : 6.
18 DID he bear witness of himself?
Who beside, bore the same testimony?
In what manner, except in his word, had the Father borne testimony that Jesus was his Son? — Matt. 3 : 17. 17 : 5.
Should they not, then, have received the testimony of Jesus and the Father?
19 THEN what did they say?
Whom did they not know?
Were they guilty on this account?
If they had known and received him, whom beside would they have known?
20 WHERE was Jesus when he said these things?
In Mark 12 : 41. what is said of the treasury?
Was this one of the rooms in the temple?
Did any person attempt to take him?
What was the reason?
21 THEN what did Jesus say of himself?
To what place did he refer?
What did he say of them?
Can any who die in their sins go where Jesus is?
Are you not in your sins?
22 WHAT did the Jews say to this?
Did they seem to understand what Jesus meant?
Do you really think they desired to know his meaning?
If a man in his senses kills himself by design, can he be saved? — Rev. 21 : 8.
23 FROM whence did Jesus say they were?
And from whence was he?
Were they governed by wicked and worldly feelings?
By what kind of feeling was he governed, in all he did and said?

Their works were of the *flesh*; his of the *Spirit*: what are the works of the flesh? — Gal. 5 : 19 — 22.

Then what did he mean by saying they were from beneath?

What are the works of the Spirit? — Gal. 5 : 22, 23.

24 Because they possessed such a spirit, what did he say of them, if they did not believe in him?

Must all who are saved believe in Jesus as the Son of God, and the Savior of the world?

Will not such as believe this obey God's commands?

25 Then what did they ask?

What reply did he make?

In the commencement of this conversation, what did he say he was? — V. 12.

Had he not many times before told them much the same thing? — Chap. 6 : 38, 48, 51.

Had his miracles proved the truth of his declarations?

26 What did he tell the people?

As Jesus knew the conduct and the hearts of these wicked men, could he not expose their guilt and hypocrisy?

Who sent him?

What things did he speak?

Is it not interesting to hear men tell of the countries in which they have travelled, and of the kings and great men they have seen?

In what place, and with whom was Jesus, before he came on earth? — Chap. 1 : 1.

27 Did they understand of whom he spake?

28 What did he say they should know, when they had lifted him up?

What did he mean by being lifted up?

Should they then know, that all he did was in accordance with the will of God?

If Jesus was taught of the Father, should we not desire to be taught of Jesus ?

Do you desire this ?

29 Who did he say was with him ?

Whom did he always please ?

What children here always try to please their parents ?

In your class, who do you think most carefully endeavors to please God ?

Will God be with all those who love and obey him, in their difficulty and distress ! — Chap. 14 : 16.

Will you need such comfort in the hour of death ?

Can you expect to have it, with your present feelings ?

Does something seem to say, you should seek it now ?

REVIEW.

On what day of the festival of Tabernacles did Jesus stand forth in the temple ?

What did he say ?

What effect had this on some of the people ?

Some objected to him ; what did they say ?

Did the circumstances of the birth and lineage of Jesus accord with the prophecies concerning the Messiah ?

Repeat some of the prophecies.

Who appeared as his friend ?

What inquiry did he make ?

What reply did they make ?

Was this true ?

Next morning where was Jesus ?

There was a woman there; of what did the Pharisees accuse her?

What command had been given in such cases?

How did Jesus arouse the consciences of the Pharisees?

What effect had this on them?

What did he say to the woman?

Was she a great sinner?

After this he speaks to the people of himself; what does he say he is?

The Pharisees brought a charge against him; what was it?

Well, what evidence had they seen, that he was sent of God?

From whence did he say they were?

Did their conduct prove it? How?

Where did he tell them he would go?

Could they go there too? Why?

Can you? Who will?

LESSON XXV.

Jesus teaches the Way of Deliverance from Condemnation.

Ch. viii. 30—45.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?
34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.
35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.
36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.
38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father; and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.
39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our Father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man

that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.
41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.
42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.
44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

WHOM did Jesus declare himself to be, in the last lesson?
Of such as die in their sins, what did he say?
Do you think he knew what he taught to be certainly true?
Then should not all carefully attend to what he has said?
30 WHAT effect had these declarations on many?
Can you tell what it is to believe on him?
31 THEN what did he say to those who believed?
When your mother tells you to do several different things, and you do only a part of them, do you *continue* in her word?
If you obey her to-day, and disobey her to-morrow, do you continue in her word?
Jesus tells us to love our *enemies*; now, if you are only honest and kind to your *friends*, do you continue in his word?
If one continues to follow Christ a short time, and then goes back, what does it prove?
If a child does continue in the word of Jesus, what is he?
Are there any such in your family?
32 WHAT shall such know?
What will be the effect of the truth on such?
Of what are sinners the servants? — V. 34. Rom. 6 : 16, 17. Acts 8 : 23.
Are men willing to acknowledge that they are in bondage to sin?
33 WHOSE children did they say they were?

Did they deny that they were in bonds ?
Were they not in the bonds of ignorance and sin ?
34 WHAT did Jesus say to them ?
Have you never seen a man strongly attached to some sinful habit ?
Does the love of sin become strong by indulgence ?
Then will a sinner, left to himself, ever turn from sin ?
How does God seek to turn men from sin ?
35 WHAT does Jesus say of the servant ?
What of the son ?
Even though these Jews were the children of Abraham, would they be saved if they did not believe in and obey Jesus ?
Whose sons are they, who believe on him ? — Chap. 1 : 12.
36 WHO is meant here by the Son ?
37 DID Jesus know they were descended from Abraham ?
What did they seek to do ?
For what cause did they desire to kill him ?
You hear his word every Sabbath ; has it any place in you ?
38 WHAT did he speak ?
What did they do ?
Was this not charging them with being great sinners ?
Is it an evidence of love, to tell persons of their faults in kindness ?
Are we commanded to do this ? — Eph. 5 : 11.
39 WHO did they say was their father ?
What would they do, if they were the children of Abraham ?
Who are truly the children of Abraham ? — Gal. 3 : 29.
40 BUT what did they seek to do ?

What had he told them ?
Did Abraham do thus ?
41 Whose deeds did Jesus tell them they did ?
Who did they then say was their father ?
By saying they were the children of God, they meant they worshipped him ; but did they do so, in spirit and truth ?
42 If they were truly worshippers of God, how would they have felt toward Jesus ? Why ?
From whom did he come ?
If he came from God to do his will, should they not obey him ?
43 What was the reason they did not understand his instruction ?
When you make much noise, or say what you ought not, do not your parents sometimes say, they cannot hear such a noise ?
Do they mean they *cannot*, or that they are *unwilling* to hear the disturbance which you make ?
Jesus told these wicked men that they would be punished for their sins ; *could* they not, or *would* they not hear him ?
After all they had seen and heard, yet they rejected the Savior ; did this prove them to be very perverse ?
44 Who did he tell them was their father ?
Did they do his works ?
What was he ?
Would men have died, if they had not sinned ?
Then how was he a murderer ?
Was the devil ever a happy angel in heaven ? — Jude 6.
What lie did he tell Eve, when he tempted her to eat the forbidden fruit ? — Gen. 3 : 4, 5.
Is he called the father of lies because he told the first one, and tempts others to lie ?
Then, is lying doing his work ?

Whose children are they who do thus ?
If we do God's works, whose children are we ? — 1 John 3 : 1.
Can God know all the lies every child tells ?
Do you know any child that ever told a lie ?
45 WHAT did he say was the reason they would not believe him ?
Are not children sometimes unwilling to believe that they are very guilty before God ?
If you are condemned and in danger of banishment from the presence of God, is it well you should know it ?
Will you consider the question this week ; *Are you a condemned sinner ?*
Who alone can save such ?

LESSON XXVI.

Jesus continues to assert his Messiahship. — The People are excited to seek his Destruction.

CH. viii. 46 — 59.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
47 He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.
48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well, that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me.
50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.
51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.
53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? And the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?
54 Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:
55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.
57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

WHAT do you think of those men who had the conversation with Jesus, which occurred in the last lesson?

Did they seem to be *wilfully* blind to what Jesus taught of himself?

Who did Jesus say was their Father?

By this Jesus did not mean he was their natural parent; what did he mean?

46 THE Jews charged Jesus with being a wicked deceiver; what did he ask them?

Could any of them convict or prove him guilty of deceiving any one?

Did all the conduct of Jesus show that he desired to benefit man?

Since this was his character, and no one could detect any deception in him, ought they not to have *received* his instructions?

47 WHO would hear his words?

Why then did they not?

48 HIS faithfulness excited their anger; were his charges true?

Then what did the Jews say?

Did they intend to reproach Jesus, by calling him a Samaritan?

Had they the same reason to charge him with possessing the spirit of the devil, that he had of making the same charge against them?

49 WHAT reply did he make to this charge?

If he honored God, could he possess the spirit of the adversary?

50 WHOSE glory did he seek?

Did Jesus seek to please *men* or *God*?—John 5 : 30.

Whom did the Pharisees seek to please?—Chap. 12 : 43.

Who will seek the honor and glory of Jesus?

51 WHAT was promised to such as keep his sayings?

Does this mean that the body shall not die?
Is the punishment of the wicked sometimes called death? — Rev. 21 : 8.

52 THEN what did the Jews say they knew?
Who did they say was dead?
Are the prophets and other good men dead, in the way wicked men shall die?

53 WHAT did they ask him about Abraham?
Did the miracles, which he performed, prove that he was greater than Abraham?
Had he not often told them who he was?

54 WHO did he say honored him?
What did the Jews call the Father?

55 BUT did they truly know and worship him?
Who did know him perfectly?
Did Jesus call them liars?
Did he always keep all the commands of God?
You see that Jesus talked very plainly, telling the people they were liars, and had the spirit of the devil; did he feel *kindly* toward them?
Do you think that ministers often feel great kindness and compassion when they preach very plainly to the people?
Why then do they tell them they are very great sinners, and that they will be punished if they do not repent?

56 WHAT did Abraham see?
How did he feel?
Had God promised Abraham that Jesus should be given to the world as a Savior? — Gen. 12 : 3.
Did he fully believe this promise? — Rom. 4 : 3.
Now can you tell what is meant by *Abraham's seeing his day*? — Heb. 11 : 13.

57 WHAT did the Jews then inquire?
Did Jesus say Abraham had seen *him*, or the *time* in which he lived?

58 WHAT reply did Jesus make?

Can you repeat any passage, to prove that Jesus lived before Abraham?—Chap. 1:1.

Is this an evidence that he is divine?

59 How did the Jews feel toward Jesus, when he said this?

What did he do when they sought to kill him?

Had Jesus told these Jews any thing but truth?

Does not the feeling they manifested prove that they were very guilty?

Do you think these men will remember their wickedness, when they see Jesus at the day of judgment?

Must it not be exceedingly painful, to be obliged to be with men so malicious, and such liars and murderers for ever?

Is there not reason to fear, that some of this class will have to depart from Jesus, and be for ever with such men?

Will each of you ask yourselves every night this week, *Lord, is it I?*

LESSON XXVII.

The Blind Man restored to Sight.

Ch. ix. 1—14.

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is, by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
8 The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?
9 Some said, This is he; others *said*, He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he*.
10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.
12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

WHAT was the principal conversation in the last chapter about?
In what place was this conversation?
While Jesus taught the people, did he often assert that he had the authority of one sent of God?
What were the Jews about to do, when he spoke so plainly to them?
1 AFTER he left the temple, what did he see, as he passed along the street?
How long had he been so?
2 WHAT question did his disciples ask?
Was it a common opinion, that God sent judgments on persons for some sin? — Acts 28: 6.
Is it true, that good men always escape suffering in this world? — Matt. 5: 10, 12. 2 Cor. 4: 9.
Do the wicked always suffer great affliction here? — Ps. 73: 5. Luke 16: 25.
Then was the opinion of the Jews correct or incorrect?
3 WHO did Jesus say had not sinned?
Did he mean, they had not sinned at all, or that their sins did not cause the blindness of this child?
Why was he blind?
4 WHAT works must Jesus do?
By whom was Jesus sent into this world?
When must he do these works?
What reason did he give?
What does God require of all of us? — Micah 6: 8. Acts 17: 30.
Can you do these works after the night of death has come?

How long?

5 How was he *the Light of the world*?

At another time, who did he say were the light of the world? — Matt. 5:14.

In this sense, is your teacher your light?

Is it unsafe to walk in dangerous places when it is dark?

Well, if the Word of God is a light to the mind, is it unsafe to neglect it?

6 THEN what did Jesus do?

When he had made the soft clay, what did he do with it?

Could Jesus have opened his eyes without putting this on them?

7 WHAT did he then direct him to do?

Where was this pool? — Luke 13 : 4.

What does the name of this pool signify?

Did the man obey Jesus?

Did he receive a cure of his blindness?

Can you relate the circumstances of a case somewhat similar? — 2 Kings 5 : 10.

Is it not always good to obey what God commands?

Do you think he expected to be cured?

8 WHEN the people saw that he was cured, what did they say?

9 How did they reason among themselves?

But what did he say?

10 THEN what did they inquire?

11 WHAT did he tell them?

In what manner?

12 WHAT did they then ask?

What was his reply?

13 WHAT did they do with him?

14 ON what day was this done?

Do you think it is right for a physician to visit a sick person on the Sabbath?

Then was it right for Jesus to cure this man?

What did Jesus call the Pharisees ? — Matt. 15 : 14.

If one blind man should attempt to lead another over a bridge, would not both be in great danger of falling off ?

Is it safe to follow the teachings of men who are blinded by sin ?

Are not the minds of all thus blinded, who do not love the truth of God's word ?

Do you think you love the truth ?

REVIEW.

Who are truly the disciples of Jesus ?

Can you name any of his disciples who, though persecuted, continued to the end ?

If a man fully believes God's word, what effect will it have on him ?

Is sin a good master to serve ?

The Pharisees were wicked men ; how did this comparison affect them ?

Did they act consistently as children of God ?

Why ? Whence did Jesus come ?

Who was their Father ? Why ?

Whose glory did Jesus seek ? Whose did they ?

Who honored Jesus ? How ?

How did Abraham see the time of Jesus ?

Where did Jesus exist before Abraham ?

What did Jesus find, as he passed along the street ? Give some account of this man.

How did Jesus heal him ?

What effect did this miracle produce ?

Into what council was he brought ?

After he had stated facts, about whom did they ask his opinion ?

What did he say of him ?

Then they called the parents; what did they say?
When the man was bold, what did they do?
Which would you imitate, the parents or the son?
Are you his disciple?

LESSON XXVIII.

The Man who was cured of his Blindness before the Sanhedrim.

Ch. ix. 15 — 30.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.
17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? How then doth he now see?
20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
22 These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.
24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.
25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.
26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes?
27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would you hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?
28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.
29 We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for* this *fellow*, we know not from whence he is.
30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
Can you tell the manner in which this man was cured?
On what day was it?

When the people saw he was healed, before whom did they bring him? — V. 13.
The court, before which guilty persons were brought, was the Sanhedrim; of what did they consider Jesus guilty? — V. 16.
Do you think they intended to bring this man in as a witness against him?
Had he before performed a cure on the Sabbath?
15 What did the Pharisees ask this man?
What was his reply?
16 Did they deny the fact?
Then what did some say?
What reason did they give, to show that he was not of God?
Was this really a violation of the Sabbath?
Did this prove that he was not a good man?
What did others say?
His conduct would show him to be a bad or a good man; which did it prove him to be?
Did all the court agree that he was a bad man?
17 They then changed the form of the question; what did they ask?
What did he say?
18 Did they believe this man had been blind?
Whom did they call?
19 What inquiry did they make of them?
Was their design bad or good?
20 Did they acknowledge him as their son?
Did they say he was born blind?
21 Did they know by what means he was healed, or by whom the cure was effected?
What did they say of him?
22 Why did they say this?
Was that a good reason?
What had this council agreed to do, if any man acknowledged that he believed that Jesus was the Messiah?

Was this a severe punishment? (See Ripley's *Notes.*)
Was it right for these parents to do as they did from fear?
23 What does Jesus say of those who seek safety by denying him? — Matt. 16 : 25.
24 Whom did the council then call?
To whom did they tell him to give praise?
They did not deny the fact; what ought they then to have acknowledged?
They pretended to honor God, but reproached Jesus: what is said of such? — Chap. 5 : 23.
What did they declare they knew of Jesus?
25 What did he say of Jesus?
What of himself?
If this miracle was really performed by him, did it not prove that he was sent of God?
26 What inquiry did they then make?
27 What did he reply?
Did they not *hear* when he had told them before, or did they not *regard* what he said?
What question did he ask them?
Ought not this to have been a subject for their serious inquiry?
28 What did they do?
What do you think of their conduct?
Did they really follow the teachings of Moses? — Chap. 7 : 19.
What did they say he was?
And whose disciples were they?
29 What did they say of Moses and of Jesus?
Do you think, by all they said, that they intended to make this young man afraid to speak of Jesus?
To be expelled from the synagogue was a severe punishment; did his parents fear it so much as to do very wrong?

30 When they denied Jesus, what did the young man say?

What ancient prophet had performed miracles? — 1 Kings 17 : 21, 22.

Did the Jews consider this power as evidence that a man was sent of God?

Was it, then, consistent for them to call Jesus a very wicked man?

This young man spoke out boldly for Jesus, before these wicked men; was this right and commendable?

Should you do the same, in similar circumstances?

Would you bear reproach to be his disciple?

LESSON XXIX.

The young Man cast out of the Synagogue.

Ch. ix. 31 — 41.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.
33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.
34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.
35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out: and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.
39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world; that they which see not might see, and that they which see might be made blind.
40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?
41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

What miracle had Jesus performed on a young man?

Did the Pharisees believe this?

Before what court did they call the young man?

When they declared that they did not know from whence the Savior was, what did he say? — V. 30.

31 WHOM did he tell them God did not hear?
Will you repeat Ps. 66 : 18?
What persons will he hear?
Do you recollect the case of a prophet, introduced in the last lesson?
Did God assist the wicked magicians in Egypt, when they tried to do the wonderful things which Moses did?
Did he work by prophets? — 1 Kings 18 : 37, 38.
Can you tell what happened to some wicked men, when they tried to cast out evil spirits? — Acts 19 : 14 — 16.
But did not God hear Paul, and give him power to perform such miracles? — Acts 19 : 11, 12.

32 WHAT had never been done before by any man?

33 WHAT more did he say?
Do you recollect any instance of wicked men performing miracles?
Was this young man doing right, to speak the truth so plainly, when he knew it would offend those who heard it?

34 WHAT did they answer?
They supposed he was blind because he had sinned; was this the case?
Were the things he said true?
Should they not receive them kindly?
But what did they do to him?

35 WHO heard of it?
What did Jesus say to him?

36 WHAT inquiry did the young man make?
Did he appear willing to believe on him?

37 WHAT did Jesus say to him?
Was this as if he had said, *I am he?*

38 DID he believe?

Then what did he do ?
Has not God bestowed many blessings on you ?
Do you worship and obey him ?
39 For what did Jesus come into the world ?
Did he always judge men according to their true characters ?
Who are here meant by those who *do not see* ? —Matt. 23 : 26.
Did his instructions enable such as were blinded by ignorance, to see the truth ?
Did the Pharisees profess to see the truth, and to teach it to others ?
Did Jesus show that they were blind ? — Matt. 15 : 14.
Now, can you tell what he means by *making those blind, who see* ?
40 What did some of the Pharisees ask ?
Do you think they asked this earnestly, desiring to know the truth ?
41 What answer did Jesus make ?
What did they say of themselves ?
Since they professed to be enlightened, and to teach others, what remained ?
Would Jesus have been willing to teach them ?
If, then, they might know the truth, and refused, were *they* guilty or not ?
Did the pride of these Pharisees keep them from receiving the teachings of Jesus ?
Is there reason to fear, that some of the children in this school will refuse to receive and obey the truth ?
What will be the consequence, if any one of this class should do so ?
Will you be that one ?

LESSON XXX.

Jesus the true Shepherd of the Sheep.

Ch. x. 1—14.

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

How did the Jews treat the young man, on whom the miracle of healing was performed, in the last lesson?

What feeling was excited against Jesus?

Did they charge him with being a very wicked man?

Were the Pharisees willing to receive his teaching?

1 What is said in this verse?

The business of shepherds is to watch, and guard the sheep. Jesus compares religious teachers to them. How are they alike?

Can you tell why the sheep in Palestine must be put into an enclosure or yard, at night?

If you should see a man climbing over fences

into yards in the night, should you think he was a bad or a good man ?
What would be the proper way for a man to enter the sheep-fold ?

2 Who would enter this way ?
Does your father enter his house at the door, or climb in at a window ?
Where would a thief probably enter it, in the night ?

3 The porter is one who keeps the door at night; what does he do when the shepherd comes ?
Can you distinguish your mother's voice, when you do not see her ?
Whose voice do the sheep hear ?
What does the shepherd do ?
Can you illustrate this ? — Matt. 9 : 9.

4 Who leads them out in the morning ?
He gives several marks of a good shepherd. What are they ? how many does he name ?
Do they readily follow him ?
The shepherd remains with them all day, and looks after them all, as a mother looks after her children ; do they understand his voice ?
What has Jesus said about a shepherd in Matt. 9 : 36.
Do we have shepherds as they did ?

5 If a stranger calls, will they follow him ?
What will they do ?
For what reason ?
Have you seen some little children run away from strangers, when they spoke to them ?

6 To whom did Jesus speak this parable ?
Did they understand the force of the comparison ?
Did it condemn or approve their conduct as teachers ?
Then would they bear it willingly ? — Chap. 8 : 48.

Are the people of God sometimes called sheep? — Matt. 10 : 6. 15 : 24.
And what are teachers directed to do? — Jn. 21: 15 — 17. 1 Pet. 5 : 2.
May they, then, be called shepherds, as a bold man is called a lion?
Did the Pharisees profess to be teachers of the people?
7 When Jesus saw they did not understand, did he repeat the comparison?
What did he say he was?
If he is the way of entrance into the church, should all teachers come in by him?
Did the Pharisees receive authority from him as teachers?
8 What are those who have come before him?
Does this refer to those wicked teachers who led the people astray from the truth?
What are such false teachers called? — Acts 20 : 29.
Can you mention any instance where they taught the people wrong? — Matt. 23 : 16, 17.
Did the truly pious follow these teachers?
9 What does Jesus say he is?
If one enters in by him, what is promised?
Are Christians saved in heaven by Jesus, as sheep are secured in the fold by the door?
Do good men delight in the instructions and precepts of Jesus, as sheep delight in rich pastures?
Jesus calls himself the *door* of the great fold in heaven. Who can enter into it? May you?
Against whom will it be shut? — Luke 13: 25, 27.
10 For what does a thief come into a sheep-fold?
For what does the shepherd?
Teachers are compared to shepherds; was the object of the Pharisees to profit the people by their teaching?

For what did Jesus come?
Does he offer eternal life to all who receive him? — Jn. 3 : 16.
11 Who is the good shepherd?
What does he give for the sheep?
Would it be evidence of strong love, if a person should die to protect you?
Has Jesus died to deliver you from eternal death?
What returns will you make him?
12 If a man was hired to take care of sheep, and should see a wolf coming, would he stay and try to defend them?
Then what would the wolf do?
Did the Pharisees care as much about the people as Jesus did?
Jesus was kind to the poor and sick; can you tell how the Pharisees treated the widow? — Matt. 23 : 14.
Were they like *hireling shepherds*?
13 For what reason does the hireling flee?
Do you feel more desirous of preserving your own things than you would the things of another, which were placed under your care?
14 What does Jesus say of himself and his sheep?
Do you belong to the flock of Jesus?
Then, can you enter his fold at last?

REVIEW.

Of what was a young man healed?
On what day?
What effect did this produce on the Pharisees?
When they knew their threats, and saw their hatred, how did the parents appear?
Did the son exhibit as much fear as the parents?
What was the effect of his boldness?

Was his or his father's conduct most commendable?

Jesus then commenced a conversation with the Pharisees; to what does he compare religious teachers?

What does he say of a true Shepherd?

He acts openly, kindly, and effectively; are these marks of a good minister?

The good shepherd and the hireling are governed by two contrary principles; what are they?

Which are wicked men generally influenced by, benevolence or selfishness?

Which mainly influences you?

What did Jesus do as a Shepherd?

Did he do this willingly?

For whom did he do this?

Well, are you a sinner?

He died for *you*; yes, *died* for you; will you be benefited by it, if you do not love and obey him?

LESSON XXXI.

Jesus speaks of Himself—The effect produced on the People.

Ch. x. 15—26.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.
17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.
18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
19 ¶ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.
20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?
21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?
22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.
24 Then came the Jews round about

him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

To what did Jesus compare the Pharisees, in the last lesson?
In v. 14, what did he say of himself?
15 How did he know the Father?
Can any created beings know God, as he knows them?
What did he lay down for the sheep?
In what manner did he do this?
Can you be saved in any other way than by him? — Acts 4 : 12.
16 What is said in the first of this verse?
What people did he mean by *this fold*?
Did any of the apostles preach in other places beside Judea? — Acts 8 : 4.
Were any others gathered into the church beside Jews?
What is it to hear his voice?
Will all these be brought to one place?
17 Why did Jesus say his Father loved him?
Does this show that God takes a deep interest in the salvation of men or not?
Can you repeat John 3 : 16?
Should men love the Savior?
Do most of the children in school really love Jesus?
18 Did men take the life of Jesus against his will?
What did he do?
Had he power to make himself alive again, after he was crucified?
Can men make themselves alive?
Of whom had Jesus received this direction?
Did Jesus feel very deeply when the time of his death drew near? — Matt. 26 : 38.

Was he unwilling to die? — Luke 22 : 40 — 42. Matt. 26 : 39.
Is it the duty of all cheerfully to submit to the will of God?
How do you feel when you are disappointed of a ride, or visit, by a storm or sickness?
Is that right?

19 What was there among the Jews?
For what cause?

20 Then what did some people say?
Did the Jews suppose most deranged people were possessed with the devil?
Had they accused him of this before? — Chap. 7 : 20.

21 What did others say?
Was this a reasonable conclusion?
Were the instructions of Jesus wise and pious, or foolish and wicked?
What question did they ask?
Can you recollect any instance of persons possessed with a devil performing a miracle? (See Ripley's *Notes.*)

22 What feast was there at Jerusalem at this time?
At what season of the year was this?
Do you know what it is to dedicate a meeting-house?
Was the temple set apart for the worship of God?
What days do we observe, annually, as the Jews did the time that the temple was dedicated?

23 Where was Jesus at this time?
In what part of the temple?

24 Who came about him?
What did they ask him?
Had Jesus told them plainly that he was sent of God? — Chap. 6 : 38.

Did his miracles clearly show he was the Messiah ?

25 What did Jesus say ?

What did he say bore witness of him ?

26 Did they believe ?

What did Jesus say was the reason ?

Had he said this before ?

If Jesus is called a Shepherd, what may we call Christians ?

Are sheep cruel and ferocious, or mild and innocent ?

Must all who would please God, receive and obey the instructions of Jesus ?

Do you recollect what he has said in Matt. 7 : 12 ?

Do you carefully endeavor to do this ?

Will you tell me, next Sabbath, how many times you have disobeyed this command during the week ?

LESSON XXXII.

Jesus declares his Divine Character to the People.

Ch. x. 27—38.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.
30 I and *my* Father are one.
31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?
33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not: but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, ye are gods?
35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;
36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?
37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

WHAT feast was there at Jerusalem? — V. 22.
What did the Jews ask Jesus? — V. 24.
Had he often told them in words, and often shown them by his works, that he was the Messiah?
Did the people believe on him?
What had he said in v. 5?
27 HERE what does he say of his sheep?
Whom does he mean by his sheep?
Can any persons properly be called Christians who do not obey Christ?
Is this following him?
Are you following Jesus, or your own sinful inclinations?
Then where will you be led?
28 WHAT does Jesus give to his followers?
What will be the condition of such as reject him? — Matt. 25 : 46.
Have any, who believed in and loved the Savior, ever been killed? — Acts 7 : 60.
Were Stephen, and many other martyrs, taken to heaven when men killed them?
What is the meaning of the expression, *they shall never perish?*
29 WHAT does Jesus say of his Father?
Whom does he mean?
Can any being do us injury, if God undertakes to defend us? — Rom. 8 : 31.
Do you seek his protection?
30 WHAT is said in this verse?
Is Jesus one with God in power and goodness?
Are we always safe, if we have the protection of God?
31 THEN what did the Jews do?
Would it be wrong for a man to say what Jesus said?
Had they attempted to stone him before? — Chap. 8 : 59.

For what reason ?

32 What did Jesus say to them ?

Can you name some of the miracles he had performed ?

Were these proofs that he was the Messiah ?

33 For what did the Jews say they did not stone him ?

For what would they do it ?

Blasphemy is reviling God ; how did the Jews punish those guilty of it ? — Lev. 24 : 15.

Had Jesus been guilty of blasphemy ?

What did they say he made himself ?

Is it said in any place *he is God* ? — Chap. 1 : 1.

34 The people became exceedingly angry, and falsely accused Jesus ; what did Jesus reply to them ?

What does Jesus sometimes call the Old Testament ?

Where is this written ? — Ps. 82 : 6.

Does this mean they were designed by God to execute justice ?

Who is the great Ruler of the world ?

35 What does Jesus say cannot be broken ?

What like this is said in Matt. 5 : 18 ?

36 To *sanctify* is to *set apart* ; for what was Jesus set apart ? — Luke 19 : 10.

Where was he sent ?

Of what did they accuse him ?

For what reason ?

Had he shown them that rulers were, in Scripture, called gods and sons of God ?

Was it then impious in him to call himself the Son of God ?

37 Jesus here referred them to the evidence of the truth and justice of his claims ; what did he say to them ?

Were his miracles above the power of man ?

38 If they acknowledged this, what did Jesus tell them?
Then what would they know and believe?
Though they refused to credit his declarations, must they acknowledge that his miracles were performed by divine power?
Would that be any evidence that God approved him as one acting according to his will?—Chap. 9 : 31.
Does it appear to you that the evidence of his being the Son of God was clear?
Then should not all receive his instructions and obey his commands?
Do you make this your greatest care?

LESSON XXXIII.

Jesus departs from Jerusalem.—He hears the Intelligence of the Illness of Lazarus.

Ch. x. 39—42. xi. 1—11.

39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand;
40 And went away again beyond Jordan, into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.
41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.
42 And many believed on him there.

CHAPTER XI.

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.
5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.
7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judea again.
8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?
9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.
10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.
11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

About whom was Jesus principally speaking in the last lesson ?
Who did he declare he was ? — V. 36.
To what did he refer them, when they doubted his declarations ? — V. 38.
39 Then what did they seek to do ?
What did he do ?
Does Jesus ever teach his disciples to flee from their enemies ? — Matt. 10 : 23.
40 Where did Jesus go ?
What place was this ? — Chap. 1 : 28.
Did he remain here for any time ?
41 While there, did any people come to him ?
What did they say ?
Did John speak of Jesus with very great respect ? — Chap. 1 : 27.
42 What effect had what they saw and heard ?
Had the Jews as much reason to believe on Jesus as these people ?
Whose example do you think most worthy of following ; those mentioned in v. 39, or in this ?
Which do you most nearly [illegible]
Ch. xi. 1 At this time who was sick [illegible]
In what town did he live ?
What other persons lived there ?
Near the foot of what hill, was this place ?
Did Jesus sometimes stay with his family ? — Matt. 21 : 17.
2 What Mary was this ? — Matt. 26 : 6.
Do you think she loved Jesus very much ?
What evidence had she given of her attachment ?
What relation was she to the sick man ?
Can you tell me the name of the other sister ? — V. 19.
3 To whom did they send when their brother was sick ?

What did they say ?
Whom does Jesus love ? — Prov. 8 : 17.
What then was the character of Lazarus ?
Does Jesus feel toward you as he did toward Lazarus ?

4 WHAT did Jesus say when he heard of his sickness ?
What was the design of this sickness ?
Does God always intend our benefit when he afflicts us in this life ?
What promise is made to the pious, in Rom. 8: 28.

5 WHOM did Jesus love ?
Was this a favored family ?
What has Jesus said to such as he loves ? — Chap. 15 : 7.
Does he love and delight in any but those who are good ?
Do you think he loves you ?

6 JESUS was now more than twenty-five miles distant from Bethany ; how long did he remain where he was after he heard that Lazarus was sick ?
Did Jesus know how sick Lazarus was ?

7 AFTER two days, what did he say to his disciples ?
Was Bethany in Judea ?

8 WHAT did his disciples say to Jesus ?
For what was it, that they sought to stone him? — Chap. 10 : 31, 39.
Were they unwilling he should go among them again ?

9 WHAT reply did Jesus make ?
Jesus compares life to a day ; what part of the day is the best for labor ?
Is it so in regard to the service of God in the morning of life ? — Prov. 8 : 17.

In labor or travelling, do men occupy the day or night?
Why does Jesus say such an one will not stumble?
It was the will of God, that Jesus should seize on every proper occasion for promoting his glory; if, to do his will, he was required to go to Judea again, ought he to decline going?
Is it always safe to do what is our duty?
What is said of such as seek to save life, by refusing to do their duty? — Matt. 16 : 25.
10 If one walks in the night, what will take place?
On what account?
From what source do we receive light in the day time?
What has God promised, if any man desire the guidance of his light? — James 1 : 5.
11 After this what did he say to his disciples about Lazarus?
What would he go and do?
Is the death of the Christian sometimes compared to sleep? — 1 Thes. 4 : 13, 14.
When will they awake from this sleep?
Are you prepared to rejoice on that day?
What will be the portion of those who are not pious? — Matt. 25 : 46.

LESSON XXXIV.

Jesus visits Martha and Mary at Bethany.

Ch. xi. 12—30.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead:
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless, let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.
17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lien* in the grave four days already.
18 (Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off.)
19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.
20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.
21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.
23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this?
27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.
28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.
29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.
30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

WHERE was Bethany?
Where was Jesus when he heard of the sickness of Lazarus? — Chap. 10 : 40.

12 WHAT did his disciples say?
If a person in sickness should sleep quietly, would it be a good symptom?

13 DID Jesus speak of *resting in sleep*?
Of what did he speak?
Is it appropriate to speak of the death of wicked persons in this manner?
Is it of pious people?
What is the resemblance?
Did the disciples so understand him?

14 THEN what did Jesus say to him?
Is death ever called sleep by any of the apostles? — 1 Thes. 4 : 14.

15 WAS Jesus glad he was not there when Lazarus was sick?
On what account?
Would Jesus have healed Lazarus if he had been there?
Would the people be as ready to believe on one who should heal the sick, as on one who should raise the dead?

16 When Jesus proposed to go to him, what did Thomas say?
Would Jesus be greatly exposed, by going again to Judea? — V. 8.
Did Thomas expect to die?
What feeling induced him to follow Jesus?
Do you love Jesus so much, as to be willing to expose your life to follow him?
17 How long had Lazarus been buried, when Jesus came to the grave?
18 How many miles was Bethany from Jerusalem?
19 Who came to comfort Martha and Mary?
20 When she heard that Jesus was coming, what did Martha do?
What did Mary do?
21 What did Martha say?
22 What did she know?
Can Jesus confer all blessings on you?
For what have you prayed to him?
23 What did Jesus say to her?
What did this show?
24 What did Martha say to Jesus?
May we cherish the same confidence?
How then should we feel when our pious friends die? — 1 Thes. 4:13.
Can you repeat v. 29. Chap. 5. and Dan. 12: 2?
Are you prepared for that day?
25 What did Jesus say to her?
Is Jesus the author of the resurrection, and giver of life?
26 What did he say of those who believe in him?
What is death to those who love Jesus? Phil. 1:21.
Where will those, who believe in Jesus, live after the body dies?
Do you really believe this?
Are you, then, diligently seeking a preparation for this never-ending life of the soul?

27 How did Martha reply ?
What did she believe of Jesus ?
28 WHAT did Martha do, after she said this ?
What did she tell her sister ?
If you love and honor Jesus, should you try to persuade others to do so ?
29 WHEN Mary heard that, what did she do ?
You have heard much about Jesus; are you following him ?
30 WHERE was Jesus at this time ?
Does Jesus never call on you by his word or his providence ?
Would you go out to meet him, if he should come near your house ?
Would you be benefited if you did not obey his teachings ?
Do you now obey all you know ?
Then do you love him ?
What will be the final condition of those, who, all their lifetime, disregard the instructions of Christ ?

LESSON XXXV.

Jesus comes to the Grave and raises Lazarus from the Dead.

CH. xi. 31 — 57.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave, to weep there.
32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou badst been here, my brother had not died.
33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!
37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?
38 Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone.

Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by, I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth!
44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles?
48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him; and the Romans shall come, and take away both our place and nation.
49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,
50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.
51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;
52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.
53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.
54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.
55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.
56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?
57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it*, that they might take him.

31 Who were with Mary in the house?
Did they follow her when she went out?
Where did they say she went?
32 When she saw Jesus what did Mary do?
What did she say?
Had Martha expressed the same feeling?—V. 21.
33 How did Jesus *feel* when he saw them weeping?
Does Jesus possess the same compassionate feeling now?
Do you go to him in prayer?
34 What did he say?
What reply did they make?
35 Repeat this verse.
On what other occasion did Jesus weep?—Luke 19 : 41.

36 When the Jews saw him weep what did they say ?
37 What inquiry did they make ?
Do you think these people believed on Jesus ?
38 What is said in this verse ?
In what place was Lazarus buried ?
What was at the entrance ?
Was this somewhat like a *tomb* ?
39 What did Jesus say ?
Did all these Jews, who were with Martha and Mary, *know* certainly that Lazarus was dead?
40 What did Jesus reply to Martha ?
41 What did they then do ?
42 Then what did Jesus do and say?
On whose account did he say this ?
For what purpose ?
43 When he had said this, what did he do ?
44 Then what took place ?
What were about his feet and hands ?
What about his head ?
What did Jesus command them ?
45 What effect had this great miracle on many of the Jews ?
46 But what did some of them do ?
Were these persons friendly to Jesus ?
47 What did the priests and Pharisees do,?
This was the great *court* of the Jews ; what did some of the men say ?
48 What would be the consequence, if they let him alone ?
What did they say the Romans would do ?
Did any of them deny that he had performed a wonderful miracle ?
49 Who was high priest that year ?
What did he say ?
50 What did he say was *expedient* for them ?
Was he willing to take advantage of the state of excited feeling, to destroy Jesus ?

Was this acting according to justice ?
May we ever *injure* a person under *pretence* of doing good ?

51 Did he say this as expressing his own opinion, or did he declare what he expected would take place ?

52 Did Jesus die to save any except Jews ?

53 From that time, what did they do ?

54 Did Jesus appear openly before the Jews, after this ?
Where did he go ?
Where is the city of Ephraim ?— 2 Sam. 13: 23.

55 What feast was near ?
What did many do before this feast ?

56 For whom did they seek ?
What did they say ?

57 What commandment had the chief priests and Pharisees given ?
For what purpose did they desire to take him ?
Does the raising of Lazarus from the dead, seem to be one of the chief reasons why they sought to kill Jesus ?
Could they find a single bad act in all his life ?
Do you see how cruel and unjust prejudice is ?
Do you cherish it against any person, or any child ?
Is the compassionate Jesus, who was willing to expose himself, that he might benefit Martha and Mary, your beloved friend ?
Do you expect to be with him in heaven for ever ?

REVIEW.

Those who are of the fold of Jesus give evidence of it; what is that ?

Then if a person tells you he is a Christian, who does not obey the precepts of the Gospel, what do you know ?

He then declared that God was his Father ; how did this affect the people ?

How did they show they were offended ?

To what did he refer them as evidence of his Messiahship ?

Did this satisfy them ?

Jesus left them ; where did he go ?

How was he received ?

While there, who was taken sick ?

How did Jesus feel toward that family ?

Did they inform Jesus of their affliction ?

To whom do you go when in trouble ?

How did the disciples feel, at first about going into Judea ?

Then to what did Jesus compare life ?

May we allow apparent danger to deter us from duty ?

What good man can you recollect in the Old Testament who would not cease to serve God ?

To what did he compare the death of Lazarus ?

Which of the family first met him ?

Do you think they will all meet in heaven ?

Shall we ?

How did the Jews who were with Mary treat her ?

Where did they go ?

When Mary met Jesus, what did she do ?

What did she say ?

How did this affect Jesus ?

When Jesus came to the grave, what were his feelings ?

How did he manifest them ?

What did some of the Jews say ?

What did Jesus exhort Martha to do ?

After he had prayed, Jesus spoke to Lazarus; did he obey his word?
When the Jews saw it, how were they affected?
How were the priests and Pharisees affected?
What did they fear?
Who then took occasion to speak to the people?
What did he say?
From that time, what did the Pharisees do?
Then what did Jesus do?
What feast was near?
Whom did the Jews seek at the feast?
What command had the Pharisees given?
Was there any good reason for their doing thus?
They were then judges; *who* will be their judge?
Do you approve the conduct of the priests?
By your life do you honor Jesus?
Then will he honor you?
May we all meet to honor him in heaven?

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